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In Memory Of Larry Orenstein, Jr. ...

Tractor-Trailer Donated To AHS Marching Mohawks

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

An idea is a gift someone gives during their lifetime, and even if tragedy should take that person's life, their idea can still live on.

Resident Larry Orenstein, Jr. had an idea several years ago that has become a tangible force, making a big difference to a lot of people, especially to the award-winning Agawam High Marching Mohawks, and to Agawam High's Concert Band, Indoor Percussion, Jazz Ensemble, and Legend Color Guard.

When Larry Orenstein, Jr. told his father that the AHS Marching Band needed a truck to move some equipment, his father responded by donating a tractor-trailer whenever there was a need to haul equipment. A 1997 truck accident took Larry Orenstein, Jr.'s life, and his father responded by donating a tractor-trailer that belongs to the band to keep.

"It's custom-built and only for their use," explained Orenstein, who remains involved with the Agawam High School Marching Band, watching their practices, attending their competitions, and driving the tractor-trailer for the band.

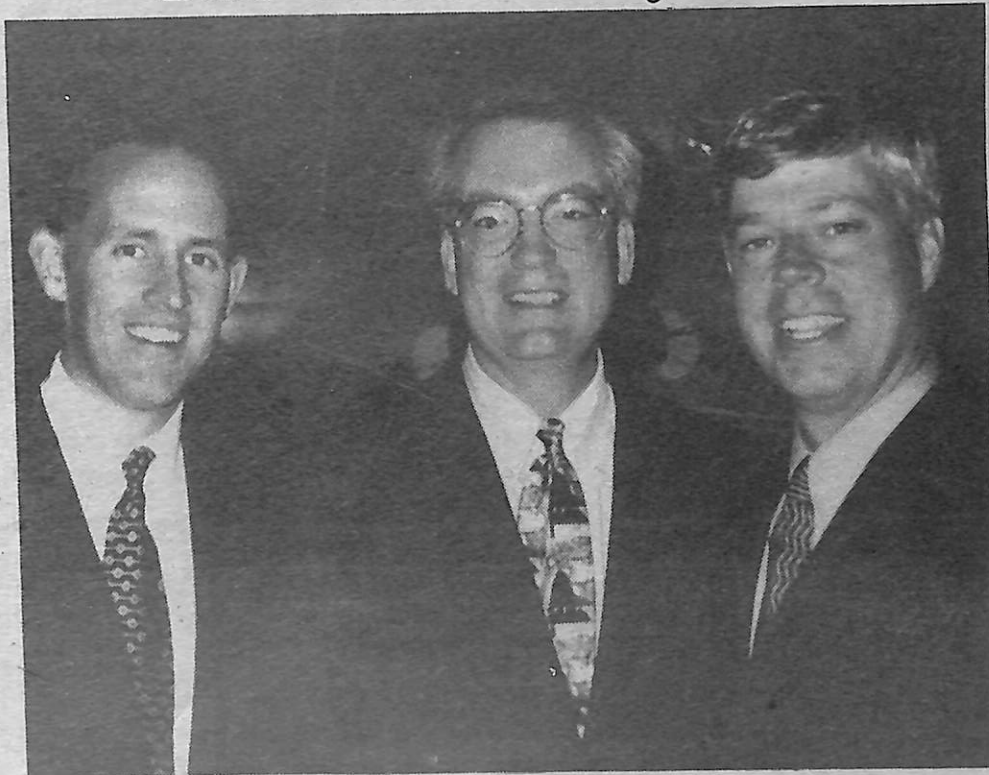
The names of the Agawam businesses that contributed to the effort will be printed on the trailer when the graphics are ready. That list includes donations of goods or services from **Bolduc's Trophies, Conte Door Service, Fire Control Systems, Jim's Floors and More, Kitchens of Distinction, Lucia Lumber, Northup Electrical Contractors, Rackliffe and Son Locksmiths, Rocky's Ace Hardware, Taylor Rental, Unique Storage Systems, U.S. Metal Fab, Inc., and Zee Medical Services.**

With their help and the efforts of students, Orenstein has been able to turn this 48-foot trailer into a mobile residence away from home. "I'm not looking for credit for myself. I did this for the kids and to honor my son," he says.

The words "*In memory of Larry Orenstein, Jr., class of 1998*" are imprinted on the trailer's side. Larry Jr. was a drummer with the marching band. Stephanie Cox, who twirls a banner when the band plays, said that having the big rig has saved them time and helped the Mohawks bolster their spirit.

SEE TRACTOR-TRAILER - Page 2...

"The Three Mayors"...



A TRIBUTE FOR MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON was held on Friday, October 1st, at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Pictured with Johnson (center) are Mayor Daniel Szostkiewicz of Holyoke (left) and Mayor Richard Sullivan of Westfield (right). (See additional photos inside.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"On The Road"



TAMMY WATSON (left), band director at Agawam High School, with Larry Orenstein, Sr., who helps with the band and gave a tractor-trailer to the band in memory of his son, Larry Orenstein, Jr. Advertiser

News photo by Kathy Shepard.

What A "Scream"...



AT FINI'S PLANT FARM, 217 James Street, Feeding Hills, "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" offers a frighteningly fun Halloween experience for the young and the young-at-heart. (See story and additional photos inside.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

TRACTOR-TRAILER - from Page 1...

Tammy Watson, band director, said no price tag could be put on the gift from Larry Orenstein. "What Mr. Orenstein has done is wonderful for all of us."

The Advantages Of The Trailer...

Daniel Shaw, a tuba player who is also in charge of the equipment, expanded on the advantages. "Before, we'd have to carry our instruments and equipment with us in cars or vans. It wasn't comfortable or efficient. Now, we can put everything in the instrument section of the trailer and change in the dressing rooms of the trailer."

Orenstein pointed out the utility room, fitted with a soda machine, a sound system, and a video recorder/player. "They can watch replays of their performances on the way home from a competition and figure how to improve next time," he told us.

The AHS Marching Band, also known as the Marching Mohawks, are depicting "The Wizard of Oz" theme this year. Every week, there is a competition somewhere in the area. On Saturday, October 8th, they won in their division at the competition in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. At the end of the month, the finals will be held at New York Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

Every school is in the finals. They are judged on many aspects of their performance, including the music, their marching, percussion, general effect, and visual effect. The trailer donated by Orenstein traveled to The Big E and is driven to band practice twice a week at the Agawam Little League Field behind Benjamin Phelps School. The trailer can be seen at all home football games and travels with the band to out-of-state competitions.

Being part of the music and working with the band helps Orenstein deal with his son's death. The young people who knew Larry Orenstein, Jr. must feel closer to him, too, and are very likely thanking him for telling his father that the band needed a trailer in the first place.

His idea has survived and taken shape for the Marching Mohawks — a powerful legacy, a fitting tribute, and an enormous help to the young people in the Agawam High School Marching Band.

All the hometown news with us, each and every week ... AAN!!!

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Stephanie Cox, a member of the AHS band, is in charge of the dressing rooms inside the tractor-trailer and cleans up after the band's competitions. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Dan Drewniak, Adam Chambers, and Ben Sunny play bass drums in the AHS band. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1999** at: 7:15 P.M., for all parties interested in the peti-

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tion of LEE W. CLARK, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-23, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the continued use of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as: 67 HIGHLAND STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Letters To The Editor

Rheault Appreciates Support During His Primary Campaign

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all Agawam voters who came out to vote in the primary, but especially to the over 2,000 voters who cast their vote on my behalf. It was a very humbling experience to top the ticket. A very sincere "thank you."

A special thank you to my wife, Joan (Mercedante) and my sons, Michael, Brian, and Scott and to the rest of my entire family for their help and support, and also to my campaign staff, co-chairpersons Peter and Korby Clark, treasurer Rudy Altobelli, and the many, many others who spent so many hours working on my behalf.

Agawam is the greatest place to live and has the greatest people. People who realize and show appreciation to their dedicated servants. Again, to all of you, "a very sincere thank you" from the bottom of my heart.

Donald M. Rheault, President
Agawam City Council

Cohen Expresses Appreciation To His Campaign Supporters

To The Editor:

I greatly appreciate all the support given to me on Tuesday, October 5th. Thanks to the many dedicated voters who turned out for the mayoral election, I will be able to continue to accomplish a great deal as I move towards the election on November 2nd. My commitment to the citizens of Agawam is stronger than ever. I am pleased to have your confidence and support.

The campaign is quickly growing in scope and intensity. In the remaining days, I am reaching out to a large number of voters in a variety of ways. Please remember to tell your friends and neighbors to vote in the election on Tuesday, November 2nd in order to keep Agawam moving forward for a bright, new, and prosperous future.

I am truly honored that through the democratic process, the City of Agawam has voted not only for Rich Cohen, but for my values, concerns, and quality of life for our own citizens.

Let's walk proudly together and make Agawam an even greater place. A greater place to live by supporting family values, giving back to the senior citizens, and investing wisely in education and economic development.

I want Agawam to remain a strong, thriving, healthy community and with your help, we will achieve all of this.

Again, I thank everyone for their support and believe that together, Rich Cohen and the citizens will make a positive difference—**RICH COHEN FOR AGAWAM 2000!!!**

From my heart—thank you.

With much gratitude,
Rich Cohen
Candidate for Mayor

Bonavita Has What It Takes To Guide Us In The Future

To The Editor:

As we approach the millennium year, the Town of Agawam will be faced with many challenges. Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita's legal knowledge and outstanding communication skills will help to guide us through the many changes.

He supports the need to acquire funding for our youth's educational needs, the expansion of our public library as well as expansion of the Senior Center. Mr. Bonavita is an upstanding individual who will take the city's best interest to heart.

His interest and concern will greatly enhance our town in terms of its improvements and open space for recreational facilities for use by young and old. Mr. Bonavita has the qualifications from an attorney's point of view, which will help in making important decisions for this community.

He also carries a coach's point of view; firm, but persuasive.

We urge you at election time to make it a point to seek out the best qualified candidate for City Council and cast a vote for Anthony C. Bonavita.

Respectfully,
Ray Scott, Agawam
Ron Jean, Feeding Hills

Rheault Has Demonstrated Responsible Leadership

To The Editor:

While some are talking about a "new beginning" for Agawam, mayoral candidate Don Rheault gave Agawam its "new beginning" two years ago.

Have we forgotten the state of our council before Don took over as council president? Before Don assumed the presidency of Agawam's Town Council, we frequently heard our council referred to as being a circus, unwilling to work together (you know the story).

In two short years, Don's leadership accomplished something that was never done before. Respect and dignity were restored to our Town Council. Gone are the days when Agawam politics demanded headlines and was the butt of many a joke.

For years, Agawam begged for responsible leadership from its elected officials and now we finally have found it. I will reward Don for his efforts and I am confident that he will continue to provide our community with the level of service that has stood the test of time.

Rudy Altobelli
Agawam

Councilor Young Says Thanks For Attending His Fundraiser

To The Editor:

I would sincerely like to thank all the supporters, friends, and family who attended my fundraiser this past Sunday.

I know with your support and friendship, I will look forward to serving this great community for another two years!

If anyone would like to display a sign in your yard or contribute to my campaign, please contact Joe Calabrese at 786-3977 or Karla Young at 786-8995.

City Councilor Robert M. Young

Who Is Mike DelNegro To Me??? Let Me Tell You...

To The Editor:

Mike DelNegro was the young man who used to come home from work and yell from the bottom of the staircase, "Daddy's home!" His smile was warm and sincere. Even after a long day of work, he seemed refreshed and ready to love.

Mike DelNegro was the same man who used to let us help him with "paperwork" late at night (when we were supposed to be sleeping). We would have pages of orange price stickers to pull apart for him.

Mike DelNegro taught me that eating one grape at the supermarket, even just to taste it, was considered stealing until we paid for them. He was the same man who marched my little brother back into the supermarket to pay for the "Three Little Pigs" book that had not been paid for. Mike DelNegro was a man who made what was wrong, right again.

Mike DelNegro was a man that I could trust. I knew that we could walk through the woods with him and never worry about getting lost or being led astray. He had a sense of directions and goals to be accomplished. He was the same man that I looked down at from a tall diving board. He said, "Trust me ... jump!!! I will catch you." How could I not trust someone who would tread water for what seemed like hours ... just for me. Mike DelNegro

was a patient man.

Mike DelNegro was a man who could make me laugh. Even without touching me, his "tickle finger" could make all of us laugh. Mike DelNegro was a man who would let us jump on the bed, dance to a good tune, and cheer on the Olympic hockey team as loud as we wanted. He would join in on our excitement (maybe even created it for us).

Later on, Mike DelNegro became a math tutor to me. He was persistent in what seemed like a hopeless task. Years later, I received an A in a mathematics class. It took years of struggle and failure to actually see his fruit, but it did blossom.

Mike DelNegro was the man who would sharpen 10 number-two pencils and gather together all of his children, the necessary tax forms for the year, and make a family event out of preparing taxes. Hard it was, but Mike made the difficult enjoyable for us.

Mike DelNegro was the man I heard cry when my grandfather died. He was a human being with feelings and emotions. He wasn't "superman" like we thought; he was one of us, with pains, sorrows, and trials. He became a real person that day.

Mike DelNegro was the man who promised a three year-old little girl that no matter how big she got, and no matter how far away she would one day move, she would always be "daddy's little girl." Twenty-two years later, he remembered that promise at her wedding and took the opportunity to remind her, in front of the hundreds of guests, that that promise was still being kept. Mike DelNegro was a man who kept his promises.

Would I choose Mike DelNegro for city councilman? That is not the question to ask me. He IS a sincere, honest, trustworthy, patient, fun-loving, persistent, and all-too-human man. A man that I would choose to be my daddy all over again.

I love you, daddy!

Leslie Anne DelNegro Stamps
Waukegan, Illinois

Rheault Has The Experience To Be Agawam's Next Mayor

To The Editor:

To Susan Longtin:

In regards to the letter you wrote in *The Agawam Advertiser* regarding the monies spent by Don Rheault, do you want your sidewalks taken care of to keep you from falling? IT TAKES MONEY.

If there was a tree on your treebelt, a storm came and the tree might fall on your house, would you want the mayor to have it cut down? IT TAKES MONEY.

When it snows, do you want your street paved? IT TAKES MONEY.

How about books for the schoolchildren, extended libraries, and so on? IT TAKES MONEY.

THAT is why DON RHEAULT spent the money he did to become the mayor WE want him to be. THAT TAKES MONEY.

Money to keep you safe, children learning with enough school supplies, PREVENT accidents with clean roads.

THAT TAKES MONEY.

Maybe Cohen can operate on a shoestring, but the town cannot. IT TAKES MONEY that is budgeted wisely, and I don't believe Cohen has the know-how to do that.

Don Rheault has the experience. Vote Don Rheault on November 2nd and watch the town thrive.

Sincerely,
Ernestine Book

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Rheault Has What It Takes To Lead Our Town As Mayor

To The Editor:

As election day approaches, and with the passing of the 10-year term of the town's only mayor, we are about to experience change whether we like it or not. My hope is that as a community we seek someone who will guide us through change, stand by us through the waves of change, and lead us into a future with wisdom and experience. With this thought in mind, I ask you to stop and think whom you will be most comfortable experiencing change with? This is really what we must all address before we vote.

As I contemplate this question, the candidate that makes me feel best about the future of Agawam and the quality of life which my family and I will experience, I turn to the many years of public service that Don Rheault has given to the people of Agawam. In a previous letter, I mentioned how Don was instrumental in helping over 300 families in the Phase II Sewer Project. He gave his word, kept his word, and truly cared about families that were not in his precinct.

There is a wonderful personal side to Don. I look at the fine family he has raised with his wife, Joan. The sons he raised continue to give back to Agawam. I see how he looks at his grandchildren and I know he cares what life is like for them in Agawam, just as I know he cares what life is like for you and me because he has a stake in this community. His roots are here in Agawam. Yes, he is a public figure, but more importantly, he is an individual who has demonstrated he has the integrity, fortitude, and leadership skills to guide us as a community through change. He is not jumping into the race at the last minute or simply seeking a new job, he is seeking to continue his public service to the people of Agawam.

When we talk politics, we can talk change; with Don Rheault, we can talk issues. When you talk education, Don Rheault knows the facts. But more than the bare facts, he knows how it will affect your children because he has educated his family here and now looks to be sure his grandchildren find a strong educational criteria in the Agawam School System. He knows how the seniors in town feel, not because he is running for mayor, but because he has been listening and acting on their behalf for years. He knows how living in Agawam used to be, how it is today, and he has a vision how it can be tomorrow; a vision he has always had through years of public service.

Don is a leader who comes to us not on a whim, but in a quest to continue the works of public ser-

vice he has so unselfishly given to this town for many years. Don Rheault represents a willingness to communicate ideas. Over the years, he has stayed right in there for us through the good and bad tides of public service. Let us not forget that he has restored leadership to our council. Our vote will allow us the advantage of sharing a vision of Agawam with someone that not only knows its past, but also sees its future.

Don Rheault will share his roots with ours, lead us through the change tomorrow will bring and, most importantly, help create for ourselves and our families a better quality of life here in Agawam. After all, isn't this what it really is all about? Isn't this really what we are looking for? If your answer is yes, then I know you understand why Don Rheault is the candidate to elect.

Anita McNamee
Feeding Hills

Should The ACA Bother To Schedule More Events???

To The Editor:

"WHERE HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE GONE?"

I contemplated that phrase on the evening of October 8th at the artists' reception at the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Every year the Agawam Community Artists put together a fine collection of original art. The membership is made up of local and area artists and artisans committed for their enjoyment of the arts and extending an invitation to the townspeople and others to share with you.

I have noted that except for a few loyal friends, relatives, and other art lovers, yearly attendance has dwindled, but this year's attendance was a great disappointment to the members and especially to me. A lot of hard work and effort went into presenting this show. It consisted of approximately 70 works of art; 19 in the library hallway will stay up for the balance of the month, plus the hallway cases designed by ACA member Judith Anderson.

It makes me wonder if culture is dead in the people of Agawam. It will be interesting to see just how many townspeople will attend the next several First Friday Series, which is offered by the Agawam Cultural Council. Quality entertainment at no charge.

As for our reception, where were the young people, the future of our area, our state, our country? Where were the parents? Where were the politicians, expounding ongoing rhetoric, prosing on the betterment of the people, etc., etc., etc.? Where were the educators, the business sector individuals? Where were you?

Perhaps the selection of the dates (October 8th and 9th) coincided with something else,

something more important; a holiday weekend, a trip. Perhaps the club did not send out fancy invitations to remind individuals of this function. Perhaps they didn't set out colorful posters as reminders? Perhaps, perhaps; whatever...

Was the club at fault? I wonder if possibly they should turn to the sensationalistic art; the wild, slime, or the sexy - the exotic, erotic, sordid, or "dung flung" art. ART???

Instead, we offer you colorful florals, quiet landscapes and seascapes, sedate still lifes, folk art, soft collages in all mediums. Are we wrong in our thinking, our values?

Incidentally, our ACA group should be planning other exhibits, other shows, but I personally wonder, should they bother?

Florida T. Tangocci
ACA Member and Officer
Senior Center Art Instructor
Agawam Cultural Council Member

Rheault's Campaign Comm. Seeks To Educate The Public

To The Editor:

Dear Voter:

The Committee to Elect Don Rheault for Mayor has developed a series of ads that will run from now until election day on November 2nd.

We hope these ads serve the voter as a guide in helping them make an informed decision regarding the important issues of this election.

It is our intention that this ad series will educate voters in various ways. Along with highlighting his present positions and what ideas he would like to bring to fruition, we will also be reminding voters of how Don has been an action-oriented, results-driven town councilor. The final element of this series will be identifying the differences between Don and his opponent when appropriate.

We hope you find our campaign to be a positive, informative, and professional approach in choosing our next mayor. If you have any questions, please call Don direct at 786-4043 or campaign headquarters at 789-5942.

Thank you,
The Committee to Elect Don Rheault, Mayor
Pete & Korby Clark
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Mike Del Negro Would Bring Much Honesty To The Council

To The Editor:

To the people of Agawam who have not had the pleasure of meeting Mike Del Negro, I would like to say that his article in the September 30th issue of *The Agawam Advertiser* said it all.

He is an honest and upright man who will do all in his power to help the people of Agawam. For those of you who have heard him speak at the council meetings, you know he is for the people of the town that he loves.

He will not vote on an issue before he gets the opinions and input of the people he represents. Many councilors vote the way they feel. **Not Mike**, he will vote the way the citizens want, not the way Mike wants. He will research an issue before he will make a decision that will affect the whole town.

If you want real, honest representation, vote MIKE DEL NEGRO, NOVEMBER 2nd and you will get just that.

Sincerely,
Art Book
Ernestine Book
Agawam

Cohen Lacks The Kind Of Experience That Is Needed

To The Editor:

While reading the local paper recently, I became very disturbed. It seems mayoral candidate Rich Cohen wants us to believe he is a "new face" for Agawam.

Isn't it obvious this tactic just doesn't fit this year's political climate? Isn't it obvious in this case it is just a catch phrase for "inexperience"?

Our City Council and economic climate has never been calmer. Our present City Council and Mayor have successfully cut taxes and balanced the budget. Mr. Cohen wants us to believe he's another Chris Johnson or Dan Keenan.

It's obvious he is neither. Compare the background of these proven leaders to his! Frankly, he scares me!

Sincerely,
Joseph Pisano
Agawam

Memorial Service Scheduled For Edith Hull LaFrancis

A memorial service for Edith Hull LaFrancis will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Agawam Historical Association Firehouse Museum, Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM OFFICE OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development will hold a public hearing regarding a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) Grant Application. The application is to seek PWED funding to make intersection improvements and conduct some minor widening on Main Street. The hearing will be held at 7:00 PM at the Agawam Planning Board meeting of Thursday, October 21, 1999 at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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INVITATION FOR SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL QUOTES AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Open competitive quotes sought for snow plowing and snow removal at seven housing locations. Specifications are available at the office. Quotes to be received until Monday, October 18, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Acceptable contractor will supply necessary insurance documentation as required.

Joanne M. Beltrandi
Executive Director, Agawam Housing Authority
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Katherine Mundt

Katherine (Schlemp) Mundt, 92, of Silver Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a 13-year frame inspector at Smith & Wesson Corp. and retired in 1971.

Born in Austria, she came to the Springfield area as an infant and was schooled and raised in the city.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield and served in its Women's League.

She lived in Agawam since 1948.

Her husband, William Mundt, died in 1958.

She leaves a son, Arthur W. of West Springfield; a daughter, Evelyn M. Porter of Agawam; a brother, Frank S. Yarkey of Chicopee; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or any other charity.

children; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in the National Veterans' Cemetery in Bourne.

Edward J. Grassa

Edward J. Grassa, 75, of 125 Edgewater Road, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a 42-year produce supervisor for A&P Grocery Stores, retiring in 1987.

Born in Minersville, Pennsylvania, he lived in Agawam for 52 years.

He was a World War II Army Air Forces veteran and received the Bronze Star.

He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth J. Evans; two daughters, Kathy J. Hale of Rochester, New Hampshire, and Deborah J. Zwicker of Reading; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were private. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Arlene V. Brown

Arlene V. (Ames) Brown, 78, of 244 South West Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She was an assistant manager at the former S&H Redemption Center.

Born in Bangor, Maine, she grew up there and lived in Feeding Hills most of her later life.

She was a member of the Agawam United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Charles W. Jr., died in August 1998.

She leaves a son, Charles W. III of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Elaine Barrie of Danielson, Connecticut, and Cynthia Kuder of Oxford; a sister, Virginia Graham of Bangor; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Joseph N. Szulc

Joseph N. Szulc, the infant son of Anthony and Genevieve Szulc of 580 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Besides his parents, he leaves his grandparents, Julian and Melania Szulc of Agawam, and Neal and Genevieve Byrne of Springfield.

All services were private in Our Lady of The Rosary Church and in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 2800 Underwood Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Doris E. Roos

Doris E. Roos, 84, of Agawam and former of Springfield, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a 49-year accounting supervisor for Agway Inc. of West Springfield and a past director of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of the High School of Commerce and Bay Path College.

She was a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd and was its organist and choir director from 1968 to 1982.

She belonged to the Tuesday Morning Music Club and the Springfield Women's Club.

She leaves her sister, Geraldine S. Wright of Agawam.

The funeral was held in the church, with a graveside service in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Hafey Springfield Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 214 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Constance Porlier

Constance (Pelkey) Poirier, 75, of 131 Ashley Street, West Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Lyndonville, Vermont, she lived in Agawam and West Springfield for the past 20 years.

Her husband, Raymond E., died in 1995.

She leaves a son, Paul of Agawam; three daughters, Elaine King of Agawam, Joyce Hoadley of Derby Lane, Vermont, and Diane Ewing of Springfield; two sisters, Bernadette Leach of Texas and Evelyn White of New York; 10 grand-

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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



An Update On The Status Of Massachusetts' 2000 Budget

The fiscal year 2000 budget process has been one of the most difficult in recent memory. Because this process has sparked so much conversation and debate, I wanted to take a moment of your time to update all of you on the reasons behind the delay and what the differences between the House and Senate budgets mean for local communities.

The House and Senate envision two very different futures for the Commonwealth. The House budget pours money in reforming the Boston transportation system, infrastructure improvements, and large tax cuts. The Senate budget allocates money to pay for the final year of Massachusetts' seven-year education reform effort, expands public transportation services for Western Massachusetts, and provides for narrow, targeted tax cuts.

The House and Senate also differ on how to deal with the current crisis caused by spiraling prescription drug costs for senior citizens.

The Senate's proposal will reach the most seniors. It expands funding for the Senior Pharmacy program by doubling the benefit level to \$1,500, raising the income levels (to \$16,488 for an individual and \$21,708 for a couple), and creating a \$40 million catastrophic drug coverage program.

The House proposal is more modest, raising the benefit level to only \$1,000, leaving the income restrictions unchanged and allocating no money for catastrophic drug cost.

It is clear that these issues will shape the future of Massachusetts well into the next millennium. The Senate believes that we have a duty to our children and to the law that was passed in 1993 to finish funding education reform.

We also know that if we cannot find the money to care for our elderly during prosperous times, they will then fare very poorly during the next economic downturn.

The House has a different agenda. It believes that economic prosperity can be continued through tax cuts and in the importance of changing the funding for the T. None of these choices are easy, but it is vital that we make the right decision because how we spend this money will have an enormous impact on each of us in our local communities.

I am committed to the Senate budget. The \$90 million in additional education money in the Senate budget will provide an additional \$2.9 million for Springfield's schools, \$350,000 for West Springfield, \$180,000 for Chicopee, and \$180,000 for Agawam.

It will mean almost a million dollars in additional money for the Pioneer Valley Transportation Authority, which will be spent on night, weekend, and holiday bus service.

For seniors in the Western part of the state, a strong senior prescription drug plan is also particularly important because federal cuts in Medicare rates have left many seniors with few or no affordable options for private insurance coverage for prescription drugs.

Continuing education reform, caring for our seniors, and improving transportation in Western Massachusetts are all worth fighting for. That does not mean that the House and Senate cannot work together to settle our differences.

However, the Senate believes we are struggling over the future direction of the Commonwealth, and we refuse to settle the budget dispute by laying all its burdens on the backs of our children and our elderly. That is why we will continue to negotiate until we reach a budget compromise that helps all the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Keenan's Pasta Dinner Is On October 28th

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 28th at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1999 at 6:35 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of ROY R. RABIDEAU, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family dwelling found to lie within the floodplain at the premises identified as: 83 AUTUMN STREET, LOT L.

Doreen Prouty
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Jean Goss
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"I had the pleasure to serve on the Robinson State Park Advisory Board with Rich for more than two years. He was a driving force who helped develop a sound and workable master plan for the park. He consistently spoke in favor of protecting the park's natural resources, while also addressing the needs of the citizens of Agawam and surrounding communities."

Pamela Jacobsen
Secretary,
Robinson State Park
Advisory Board

"Rich's concern for the welfare of the citizens of Agawam, especially for the children, was exemplified by his involvement in the process to acquire Perry Lane Park. Without his expertise and tireless effort, Agawam could have lost what is now a prized possession."

Ed Modzelewski
Abutor to Perry Lane Park

EDUCATION

- Agawam High School
- University of Massachusetts
- Boston University Law School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- UNICO
- Member 1976-1999
- President 1995-1997
- Agawam Federal Credit Union
- Charter Member
- 1st President of original Community Credit Union
- Volunteer with special needs students
- Agawam School System 1987-1999
- Friend of Education Award 1988

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate City Solicitor for 10 Years
- Involved with land use issues including zoning, wetlands control, acquisition and assessment
- Familiar with most aspects of municipal law

Married to Linda A. Morassi, Granger Integrated Kindergarten Teacher and Attorney. One daughter, Christina, Photographer, NYC.

Veterans' Corner... POW/MIA Day (Sept. 17, '99)

by Ruth Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — Ext. 236/237

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Morissette, President of the American Legion Post 185, Auxiliary members, and members of Legion Post 185 for their presentation of the POW/MIA ceremony held on Sunday, September 26, 1999 at Saint David's Church in Agawam. It was by far the nicest POW ceremony I have ever attended.

Many of us participated by lighting a candle as each Vietnam Veteran's name was announced and it truly touched the heart of everyone in attendance; we go on with our lives and rarely stop to realize the numbers of our veterans who never got the chance to come home to their families. But this ceremony was a reminder that, "freedom is not free," so many of our veterans paid the price for us and we should never forget it.

I was just shocked at the numbers of Prisoners of War-Missing in Action veterans who never returned home: World War I, 3,150; World War II, 78,750; Korea, 8,169; Vietnam, 2,082; Cold War, 160; Gulf War, 42; Somalia, 1; for a total of 92,388. The American Legion will be planning a POW/MIA ceremony each year. Watch for the notice in *The Agawam Advertiser* next September.

"I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured, and even to die ... But I was not prepared to be abandoned." Mr. Eugene "Red" McDaniel

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At Mayor Johnson's Tribute...



ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills was the setting for a tribute to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Pictured from left to right: City Councilor Nancy Thompson, former State Representative Stephen Pierce, Johnson, and retired AAN photographer Jack Devine. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SOME MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Republican Town Committee who were involved in the planning of Johnson's tribute. Back row: Ray Wyckoff, Kent Lage, and Rob Danie. Front row: Joann McGeoghan, Ron LaRiviere (committee chairman), Rita Moore, and Scott Hibert. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Nomination Papers For Ag. Republican Comm. Due Nov. 5th

Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, wishes to remind all current members and prospective members of the committee that anyone wishing to be nominated and elected to the committee must be listed on the 2000 presidential primary ballot. The deadline for submission of nomination papers is Friday, November 5, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

A candidate for election to the Agawam Republican Town Committee must be a registered voter in Agawam and enrolled in the Republican Party during the 90 days prior to the November 5th filing deadline.

All persons interested in being elected to the Agawam Republican Town Committee are urged to call Chairman LaRiviere at 786-5239 for further information.



MAYOR JOHNSON with former Town Councilor Jessie Fuller at his October 1st tribute. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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(* Died while in service.)

**Massachusetts Creates
 \$7 Million Grant Prog.
 To Help Hospitals**

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce the passage of a \$7 million grant program to help hospitals and community centers that have suffered financial hardships or are substantially impacted by the withdrawal of Medicare health maintenance organizations.

"Since the federal government abdicated its responsibilities to support essential senior medical services, we in the state government are trying to fill this void," said Melconian. "First, with prescription drug coverage for the elderly and now with this hospital grant program, we have stepped in to supply funds for vital community medical needs."

The grant program, passed in conjunction with a loan for endangered Quincy Hospital, is targeted at three groups: (1) hospitals that are negatively impacted by the loan to Quincy Hospital; (2) community health centers that are experiencing severe financial distress; and (3) hospitals that are substantially impacted by the recent or imminent withdrawal of a Medicare HMO.

The last two groups are among those most substantially affected by the federal government's cuts to Medicare rates. These rate cuts, which were passed as part of the 1997 Balanced Budget Amendment, have adversely affected all areas of health care, including home care services, nursing home rates, HMO coverage, and the number of available doctors.

"Hospitals and community health centers are matters of life and death for any community," said Melconian. "The Senate felt it was imperative that we maintain complete coverage for emergency services across the state."

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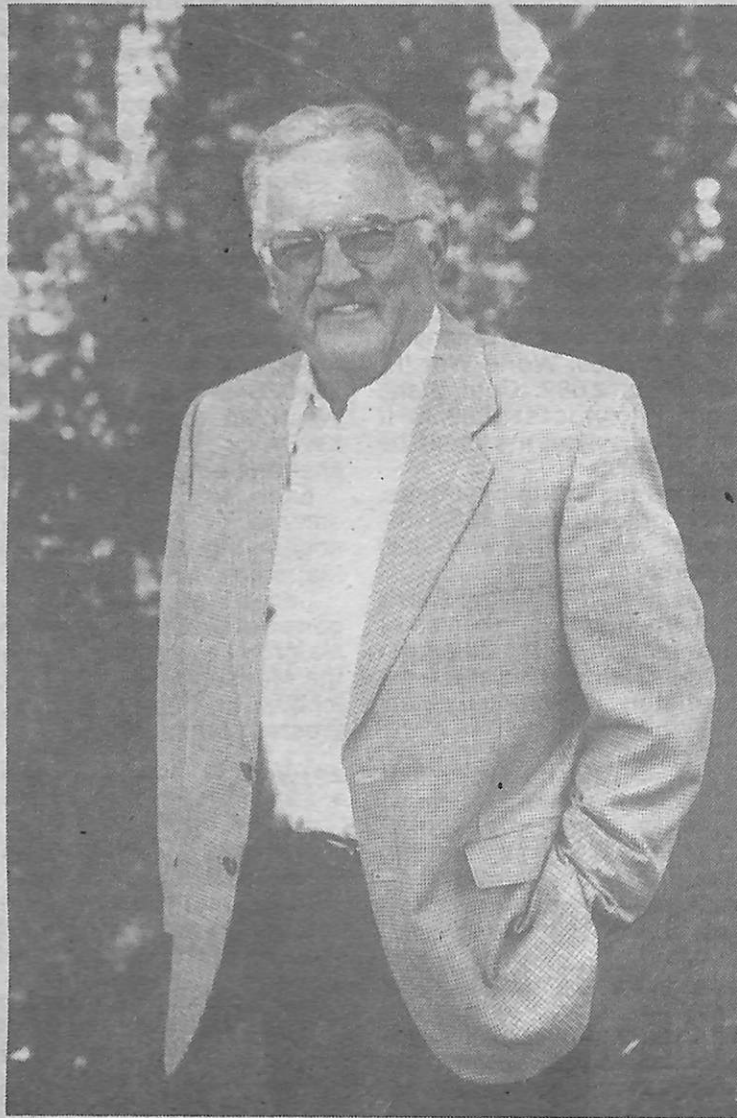
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2000 Real Estate Tax Bills Were Mailed September 30, 1999

The first-half real estate tax bills for fiscal year 1999 were mailed on September 30, 1999. These bills show the assessed value of the property, any betterments, special assessments, and water and sewer liens. The amount due by November 1, 1999 represents one-half tax bill plus any betterments, special assessments, and other charges.

The first payment is due on November 1, 1999 and must be at least one-half of the tax and any betterments, special assessments, and other charges shown. The remaining balance owed must be paid by May 1, 2000.

If payments are not made by the due dates, interest at the rate of 14 percent will be charged on the amount of the payment that is unpaid and overdue. Interest is computed on overdue first payments from October 1, 1999 to the date payment is made.

Taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the United States Postal Service to process the mail if payments are made by mail. Payments must be postmarked by October 31, 1999.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please contact the Collector's Office at 786-0400, extension 218. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, Massachusetts state law requires taxpayers to pay the bill whether it is received or not. Anyone who did not receive their real estate tax bill by October 12, 1999 should contact the Collector's Office immediately at 786-0400, extension 21.

For Civil Service Jobs...

Exam Schedule At Personnel Office In Town Hall

Personnel Officer Sandra MacFadyen has announced that the Commonwealth's current Examination Announcement Schedule, which includes announcements for all Open Competitive Civil Service examinations scheduled for Fiscal Year 2000 (July 1999 through June 2000), is available in the Personnel Office at Agawam Town Hall.

The listing of examinations includes municipal service firefighter, elevator inspector, plumbing and wire inspector, electrician, emergency medical technician, gas fitting inspector, nurse, steam fireman, treatment plant operator, stationery and power plant engineer, and pumping station operator.

Examination announcements and application forms are available in the Personnel Office.

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Proceeds From Her Golf Open...

Melconian Donates \$33,000 To Battered Women's Shelters

State Senator Linda Melconian recently presented donation checks totaling \$33,000 to the YWCA of Western Massachusetts and Woman-shelter/Companeras.

The donation consists of the earnings from the Senator's Seventh Annual Charity Golf Open, which took place on August 30th at The Orchards in South Hadley.

More than 150 golfers took part in the tournament, which benefits battered women's shelters in Hampden County. During the seven years the Senator has hosted the tournament, more than \$210,000 has been raised for services to battered women.

The three shelters benefiting from the tournament are: The Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield (both of which are programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts); and Woman-shelter/Companeras in Holyoke.

Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and referrals.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal supporter of women's shelters in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest-ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Legislature, Melconian lobbies on behalf of women and children across Western Massachusetts.

Oct. 27th Is Last Date For Water Connections, Etc.

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 27, 1999 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 2000. This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Agawam Middle School
68 Main Street

Monday, October 18th - 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/6/99.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.
- None.
7. Report of Council Committees
- None.
8. Elections.
- None.
9. Public Hearings.
- None.
10. Old Business
- (a)
1. TO-99-40-Transfer-\$21,750.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) as follows: \$14,000 to Council-Regular Salary (11111-51010); \$2,500 to Mayor-Regular Salary (11211-51010); and \$5,250 to School Committee-Salary (90000-51200)(Mayor).

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire is hot, deadly, and fast. It only takes a minute for a fire burning in a house to grow to three times its original size. In four minutes, it grows to 11 times its size, and in six minutes, it reaches 50 times its original size. The average temperature within eight minutes can reach 1,250 degrees!

Your actions during the early stages of a fire can dramatically affect the amount of damage that is done:

1. Alert everyone in the area that there is a fire and to start evacuation.
2. As you leave the area where the fire is located, close the door to confine the fire.
3. Call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's. Remember, a fire grows quickly and you could become trapped.
4. Once everyone is out of the building, make sure they stay out.

You should not try to fight the fire until the first three steps have been completed. Also, if you cannot get within three to five feet of the fire, if it is more than five feet in height, or if it has spread beyond the point of origin, you should leave the area, closing the door behind you.

For information on the use of portable fire extinguishers, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Assessment Committee
- Volunteer For
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- 20-Year Employee
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Committee To Elect Joseph Mineo
Thomas DeNardo, Chairman

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A Strong Advocate For Maintaining Open Space...

Council Candidate Russo Wants To Help Maintain Agawam's Small Town Character

"I have publicly been a strong advocate of maintaining open space and using such areas for additional recreation," said Louis Russo, candidate for election to the Agawam Town Council, in a press statement this week.

"I feel that to do so would help maintain Agawam's small town character and provide additional and adequate facilities for all our residents. I was a strong supporter of purchasing Perry Lane Park, one of our finest and largest recreational areas. I am very proud to have supported and voted for the acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf and the Agawam Country Club.

"It is unfortunate that we haven't begun using Tuckahoe for the purposes in which it was acquired. Even though it has been in litigation, the lawsuit has dealt only with price and not ownership. Therefore, why haven't we at least built sorely needed soccer and ball fields? Why isn't it be-

ing used for hiking, picnicking, fishing, or cross-country skiing?

"When I think of Tuckahoe, I envision a mini sports complex that would provide enough athletic fields to meet the needs of our children," said Russo. "I envision picnic areas with pavilions in which families could hold reunions. I envision the town's many charitable organizations holding fundraising events there.

"I even envision an all-inclusive city park, complete with petting zoo. We have more than enough space in Tuckahoe to do all that I have mentioned. There is a lot of federal grant money to help pay for the cost. All we need is the imagination and the willingness to go from an idea to a reality.

"If I'm elected," Russo concluded, "I will lead the charge to finally move forward and make Tuckahoe what it should be."



ROBERTA G. DOERING

A Chaplain Of Agawam's Veterans' Organizations...

Council Candidate Louis Russo Expresses His Support Of Various Veterans' Issues

As a Viet Nam combat veteran, Louis Russo has been very supportive of veterans' issues. Through his involvement as chaplain of Agawam's local veterans' organizations, Russo says, "I know and understand the needs and concerns of our veterans. I have initiated or been involved in many of the numerous positive programs and activities that have affected our local veterans."

Russo joined the march on the State House, which prevented the closing of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. He wrote, sponsored, and gained passage of local legislation that returned exemption status to Agawam's local service organizations.

Working with Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas and the Veterans' Committee, Russo helped design and construct the Veterans' Green and Gazebo.

He is actively involved in the planning of Memorial Day Parades, Veterans' Day programs, and POW/MIA services. As a member of the State Veterans' Cemetery Committee, Russo has been actively involved in the groundbreaking ceremonies and continues to be involved as the cemetery progresses.

Because of Russo's dedication to veterans in Agawam, he is continually asked to participate in veterans' activities in other communities. He states, "I consider this to be an honor and privilege to be asked and I will never say no when it comes to helping a veteran, especially the elderly ones."

Russo closes by stating, "I will always be there for Agawam's veterans as well as everyone in Agawam."

Roberta G. Doering Seeks Another Term On School Committee

Agawam School Committee member Roberta G. Doering of River Road, running for reelection on November 2nd, said in a press statement this week, "I believe in public school education and I believe that local governance of our schools by school committees is the public's best assurance that policy setting, curriculum development, fiscal planning, and district management are reflective of the needs of the individual community."

"I believe there is a stewardship expected of us as School Committee members to advocate for the best possible education for all of our students

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and we are compelled to engage in planning for and providing support to the educational process, whatever they may be, that lead to quality education.

"The School Committee has the difficult task of providing good education and at the same time making sure the tax dollars allocated for education are wisely spent, but we cannot forget that in the business of running the schools, the final product is the student.

"As a School Committee member, we act on behalf of the citizens of Agawam to ensure that our public schools educate each and every child to the fullest of her or his potential," said Mrs. Doering.

"My expectations are that students will work to fulfill their potential academically and that they will contribute to the life of the school community. I also hope that our schools, working with parents and members of the community, are contributing towards making our students a caring, respectful individual. To be sensitive to the well-being of others, to have integrity, to value the worth of every person, including themselves, and to be accountable for their behavior and obligations.

"I also expect we are equipping our students with the tools for learning - the ability to read, write, communicate, and comprehend. Also to turn out young men and young women with a broad view of history, an understanding of mathematics and science, and a sense of the economic, social, and legal issues which affect life today.

"As we are about to enter the 21st century, we must plan for the future and be prepared to address the new realities of a global world that all of us, young and old, will have to deal with.

"I consider it a privilege to be a member of the Agawam School Committee," said Mrs. Doering. "I am confident that I have the experience and qualifications to continue serving the people of Agawam on the School Committee and would like the support of the voters in the upcoming election."

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Galarneau To Run Again For Agawam School Committee

Linda Galarneau of 24 Sycamore Terrace, Agawam, has announced her candidacy for reelection to the School Committee.

Galarneau states that she is proud of her accomplishments and that of the School Committee, as well as the progress that the school system has made during her tenure on the committee.

"I am pleased to say that with my support and the support of my colleagues, administrators, and staff, our entire curriculum from PreK-12 in all subject matter has been rewritten and is in alignment with the state framework," Galarneau indicated. To ensure student success, the necessary funding was provided to purchase new textbooks, support materials, technology, and professional development.

Galarneau was instrumental in initiating a formal partnership with Riverside and the High School in connection with the Career Center. The partnership which we now have provides internship opportunities for students along with funding for the expansion of the Career Center.

The partnership not only fulfills the needs of the community but the needs of the students as well. Overall, class size has been reduced in recent years, and Galarneau has recently been appointed to serve on a subcommittee along with two other School Committee members to monitor enrollment/class size.

A Resolution was sponsored by Galarneau to appropriate funds to purchase a carbon monoxide monitor, accessories, and educational materials. The Resolution was the result of a collaborative effort between Galarneau and the High School Coordinator for the Substance Abuse Prevention Program to address the dangers and concerns of tobacco use by students. This education tool will be used in a Voluntary Smoking Cessation program that has been integrated into the required Issues In Health course at the High School.

Galarneau co-sponsored a Resolution requesting the Board of Health institute fines for smoking offenses in school and on school grounds, under the auspices of the High School



LINDA GALARNEAU

Smoking Task Force, which was formed to find solutions to eliminate smoking in the bathrooms.

Because communication is important, Galarneau initiated the publishing of School Committee meetings and agenda in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Galarneau states her approach to issues has always been open and direct, and her decisions have always been based on what is best for all students. If reelected, Galarneau will continue to work in this regard.

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Many candidates speak of their accomplishments and have shown they truly care about Agawam. It is through a candidate's accomplishments that many voters judge who they will choose to represent them. It is one way of knowing which candidates truly care about people and what they have done to help improve the lives of those within our community. I believe that my record of helping and caring is one that can be judged positively. I hope you feel the same and will allow me to continue helping and caring as one of your councilors. The following are just a few of the things I have done to help our residents and our community:

- Consistently supported fully funded education.
- Fought for taxpayer protection against improper assessments.
- Fought to protect small business owners.
- Supported and voted for Tuckahoe Turf and the Agawam Country Club.
- Helped lower Agawam's taxes by insuring Berkshire Power paid their fair taxes.
- Sponsored the adoption of the "Citizen's Consensus."
- Sponsored veterans' organization exemptions.
- Sponsored protection for elderly nursing home patients.
- Sponsored zone changes to protect Agawam's character.
- Sponsored taxpayers' "Bill of Rights."
- Fought to protect our community against those with special interest.
- Supports and is in the forefront of Charter Revision.
- Sponsored health and safety protection for residents.
- Sponsored assistance for the elderly and handicapped.
- Voted against all tax increases for homes and businesses.
- Supported restructuring of the industrial park.
- Helped design and construct the Veterans' Green and Gazebo.
- Member of the Veterans' Cemetery groundbreaking committee.
- Fought for full-time school nurses.

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Susan A. Pettazzoni Announces Her Bid For Reelection To The Agawam School Committee

Susan A. Pettazzoni recently announced her intention to seek reelection to the Agawam School Committee. Mrs. Pettazzoni resides at 116 Granger Drive in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam with her husband, Bob, and has three daughters.

Mrs. Pettazzoni said, "I am proud to announce my intention to seek a fifth term as a member of the Agawam School Committee. I have enjoyed serving the people of Agawam since my initial election to the School Committee in 1991, and I am respectfully asking for their continued support in my effort to bring about educational excellence in the Agawam Public Schools.

"My vision for Agawam's children is simple. I want to provide them with the best possible education so that they can effectively compete and succeed in today's global economy."



SUSAN A. PETTAZZONI

One of the cornerstones of Mrs. Pettazzoni's tenure on the School Committee has been her caring attitude and approach to improving Agawam's educational system. She cares about children and wants each and every child to have both a positive and a successful educational career in the Agawam Public Schools.

Mrs. Pettazzoni has worked hard and voted to:

- develop and implement a new Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Curriculum which is fully aligned with the state curriculum frameworks;
- support the construction of additions and renovations to the town's four elementary schools (adding new state-of-the-art library/media center) and the Agawam High School (adding 18 new classrooms);
- support the construction of the Early Childhood Education Center and the current addition project to that building (pre-school education is key to building a strong educational foundation);
- support the infusion of over \$1 million in new educational technology to allow our students and teachers to work with cutting edge computer hardware and software; and
- supported the increase in our teaching staff by over 10 percent to lower class sizes and improve student learning.

Mrs. Pettazzoni vows to continue to work to im-

prove communication to make it easier for the community (parents, business people, and other community members) to communicate with the Agawam Public Schools and vice versa. One way to improve communication would be to explore the greater utilization of technology such as voice mail/message system and e-mail accounts for all teachers and staff members.

Mrs. Pettazzoni will continue to fight for greater accountability through the empowerment of site-based management teams and the utilization of standardized test (MCAS) data to improve the teacher evaluation process. She will also continue her work to control special education costs through innovative programs, which will allow all Agawam students to stay in our community.

"I have worked with my fellow members of the Agawam School Committee to improve the Agawam Public Schools," continued Mrs. Pettazzoni. "We have fought for increased funding,

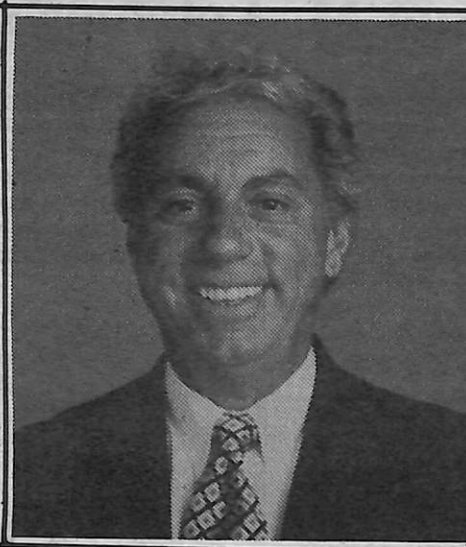
which has brought an infusion of new state-of-the-art educational technology, new textbooks, and other curriculum materials and a longer school year.


"The School Committee has undertaken the tremendous task of rewriting the entire curricula for the Agawam Public Schools, and the early dividends of this effort are a dramatic improvement of student performance on standardized tests. I plan to continue my role as an educational leader and work with my fellow School Committee members, the Superintendent of Schools, the staff, the teachers, parents, and students to make the Agawam Public Schools a model of excellence in our area.

"I respectfully ask the wonderful people of Agawam to again support my candidacy for School Committee so that we can continue to work toward educational excellence in our public schools," concluded Mrs. Pettazzoni.

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COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS with his 98 year-old mother, Alexandra Bitzas, at the Agawam Senior Center.

Councilor George Bitzas Vows To Continue To Work Hard On Behalf Of Our Seniors

"About two years ago, there was movement in the State House not to increase funding for home care services for seniors citizens. I sponsored a resolution asking the elected state officials to support an increase in state funding for home care services for the elderly," said Councilor George Bitzas, candidate for reelection, in a press statement this week.

"I know first-hand the needs and problems of the elderly; I have my 98 year-old mother living with us. I know that most elderly citizens would prefer to stay at home and receive personal care services, home delivered meals, and transportation services rather than be placed in a long-term facility. I will continue to work for the rights of the elderly in Agawam and support increases in funding and better services.

"I will also continue to lobby and work to start, very soon, the expansion and improvement of the Senior Center and its parking area. In Agawam,

19.3 percent of the population is between 45 and 65 years-old. Another 15.1 percent is over 65 years of age.

"The plans to expand the center in the near future are part of a \$1.25 million capital improvement program. I have supported the expansions and improvements in services for the elderly and I will continue to do so. I voted in favor and lobbied others to support having the spouses of the town's retirees pay only 50 percent, instead of the 100 percent, of the cost of town insurance," said Bitzas.

"With your vote in November, I will be able to continue working for you, supporting the issues, and the future of Agawam. I will continue to listen to your problems, needs, and concerns. I will continue to listen to your advice and learn from your many experiences. Please make an effort to vote in the November town election. I would very much appreciate your vote," concluded Bitzas.

Signs Are Now Available From Councilor Gina M. Letellier's Reelection Committee

The Committee to Elect Gina M. Letellier is pleased to announce that campaign lawn signs are now available.

If you wish to have a sign placed on your lawn, or would like to hold a sign at a polling place on

Election Day, please call Gina-Marie Letellier during the day at 739-2112 or evenings at 786-4723.

If you want to speak to the chair, Walter "Terry" Letellier, or treasurer Maryanne M. Letellier, please call 786-4723 during the day or evening.

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Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

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Wednesday, October 20th
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6:00 - 9:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M.: Auditorium open, meet the candidates.

6:30 P.M.: Statements by School Committee Candidates.

7:10 P.M.: Town Council Candidates' Forum.

8:20 P.M.: Mayoral Candidates Forum.

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Jack Farrell, Staff Writer
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Barry Kriger, News Anchor
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The public is invited to join the Agawam Chamber at this important candidates' forum. The forum will also be cable-cast on Channel 15. To assist in the development of questions for Town Council and Mayoral Candidates, please return this form with your questions.

Question for Town Council Candidates:

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Return by October 14th to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum, c/o Affiliated Chambers of Commerce, 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

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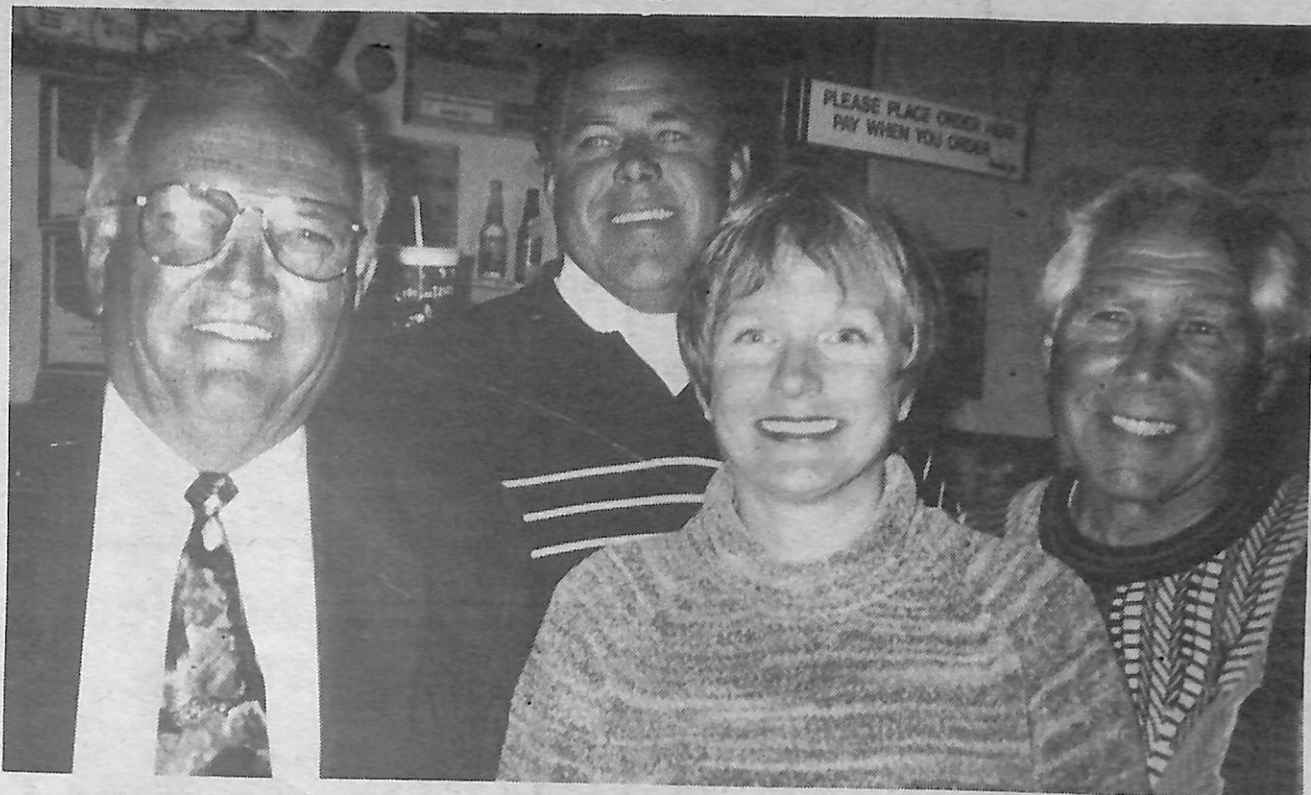
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Celebrating At E.B's...



AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION last Tuesday (October 5th), mayoral candidate Donald Rheault celebrated his first-place finish at E.B's Specialty Chicken Restaurant in Agawam. Pictured above with Rheault (far left) are members of his campaign committee: co-chairpersons Peter & Korby Clark and treasurer Rudy Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Letellier Available To Attend Coffee Hours

Councilor Gina-Marie Letellier, candidate for reelection to the Agawam City Council, is proud to announce that she is available to attend neighborhood coffee hours in the evenings or weekends preceding the election scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd.

To schedule a coffee hour, please call Gina-Marie Letellier during the day at 739-2112 or evenings at 786-4723. You can also schedule a meeting by e-mail at ginaletaol.com.

Lawn Signs Still Available From Young's Committee

Lawn signs are still available for Town Councilor Robert M. Young.

If you would like to display a sign in your yard, please contact Joe Calabrese at 786-3977 or Karla Young at 786-8995.

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Bonavita Supports Protection Of Neighborhoods

This week, City Council candidate Anthony C. Bonavita issued a statement on the Bowles Road extension in the Agawam Industrial Park and protection of neighborhoods.

Bonavita is 46 years-old, married to Adele, and they have two children who have graduated from Agawam High School. He is an attorney at Bonavita Walsh & Fogarty. Also, he serves as the vice-chairman of the Zoning Task Force.

He stated, "Protection of the neighborhoods is of paramount concern to our community. While we need to attract new business to increase our tax base, we must at the same time find ways to protect our residential neighborhoods. This will require the assistance of many of our Boards and Commissions, as well as the council and the Mayor.

"We must achieve the necessary balance with safeguards to achieve both goals. Citizens have asked me to support the Bowles Road extension off Route 57 so that traffic in and out of the industrial park will have safe egress and ingress, without negatively impacting our residential neighborhoods."

Bonavita has been seeking the input of voters on a variety of subjects, including this issue.

He concluded, "Residents have indicated to me loud and clear their support of this Bowles Road extension project. If elected, I will offer my support to work with others to accomplish it. It is an issue that demonstrates our need to be sensitive to how business and residences can coexist.

"This must be addressed in an open and honest manner, as most certainly it impacts the quality of life of our citizens. I will be a positive voice for Agawam."

Councilor Bitzas Has Lawn Signs

Councilor George Bitzas has a few lawn signs available. If you would like to show your support for Councilor Bitzas by having a sign on your lawn, please call George or Peggy Bitzas at 789-1464.

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Kent Servis Outlines Council Goals

Council candidate Kent Servis is seeking to return to the City Council in this year's election. The former council president has outlined his objectives for his bid for a council seat.

"There are many things that still need to be accomplished to benefit the citizens of Agawam. I will work with the new administration closely to insure that these concerns are met."

Among the things that Servis feels are important are such matters as finally completing the process of replacing the present DPW garage. "For 10 years now, this has been a major concern and absolutely nothing has happened. It is time to work with the new administration to insure that this gets done."

"The city's infrastructure still needs much improvement throughout the town. Sidewalks in parts of North Agawam still need to be repaired and the sewer project to connect Feeding Hills and the remaining parts of Agawam is now a front burner issue."

"It is virtually impossible for someone who walks with the assistance of a walker or cane to navigate the obstacle course that passes for sidewalks in some parts of town. As for the sewer issue, there are health concerns present during periods of heavy rain. Many homeowners are faced with having to build mounded systems at a cost of over \$10,000. We were promised sewer service back 20 years ago, and are not one one single flush closer now than we were in 1980. In the springtime, one can often smell the odor of malfunctioning septic systems due to the fact that the water table has risen, due in part to increased development and stream diversion."

The council must work with the new administration to ensure that our Public Safety Departments, Fire, and Police, are fully staffed and equipped. "During my term on the council, my record on public safety was 100 percent. I led the initiative to replace the old rescue boat which was in great disrepair due to age. The new rescue craft is modern and is equipped to be more of a rescue craft than merely a body recovery means."

"Regarding senior issues, our Senior Center is too small and needs much improvement. Our growing senior population deserves an adequate facility. Problems at the present Center are often out of sight and out of mind as far as the general public is concerned, but things like the constantly flooding basement and lack of adequate dry food storage is a problem. Additionally, the space that will be needed in the future is just not there."

"Youth recreation in our town is almost nonexistent for the youth that do not play a sport such as soccer or baseball. I am presently working with a group of citizens to bring a Boys and Girls Club to Agawam. Additionally, the Town of Agawam should make better use of the pool and gymnasiums that are in the schools. These are, after all, 'public schools' and the public should be able to use the facilities during after-school hours."

"Remember, the city known as the Town of Agawam does not belong to the Mayor, Council, School Committee, or any other elected or appointed officials ... it belongs to you, the citizens. The elected officials are merely the custodians and you are the owners and the Board of Directors."

"Your elected officials are there to represent YOU, and not some special interest group. If elected, I will continue to stand up for what is right and will continue to be accessible to you in the future as I have been in the past."

"I ask that you invest one of your 11 votes for council with Kent Servis on election day," concluded Servis. "Please remember that your vote counts. Use it!"

Oct. 29th Town Rally To Support Rich Cohen

Campaign manager Bill Daubmann has announced the formation of a Town Rally in support of Rich Cohen for Mayor of Agawam.

This rally will be held at the Polish American Club on Friday, October 29th from 6:00-11:00 p.m. It will be open to all citizens of Agawam and will clearly demonstrate how Rich Cohen feels about family values and bringing the town together.

At presstime, only a few of the many activities are available for print. They include a costume contest, a show by a world travelling magician, dancing to a disc jockey, refreshments and beverages, sumo wrestling, jousting, and other fun outdoor activities.

This campaign has been run as a grassroots movement and this rally will only solidify the concept of people helping people.

Rich Cohen will be available all evening for the residents of Agawam to meet him personally.

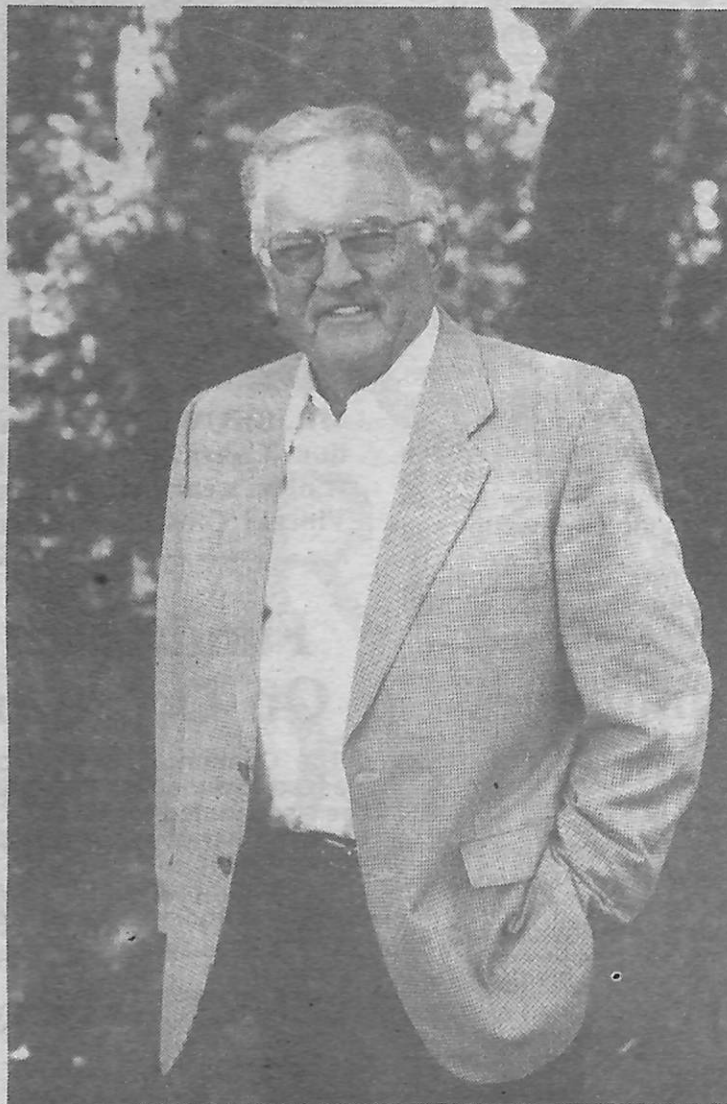
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As a member of the council Don took action to maintain a safe and clean environment. Don sponsored Agawam's first hazardous waste collection day and also was a proponent of imposing the strictest environmental standards on our incinerator at Bondi's Island.

As Mayor Don promises to ensure that our newest environmental challenge, Berkshire Power, adheres to the restrictions and conditions imposed on their operation. He also advocates that as new technology becomes available, Berkshire must upgrade their present facility by incorporating the newest technological advances for maintaining a clean operating facility.

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Campaign '99 - continued...**Cohen Discusses
The "Symbol"
Of His Campaign**

Following his victory on Primary Night, mayoral candidate Rich Cohen made the following prepared statement:

"Tonight marks the start of a big change in Agawam, and I am very proud to be a part of it. Through its democratic process, the City of Agawam has voted not only for Rich Cohen, but for his values, concerns, and quality of life for its own citizens.

"It gives our team great pride and satisfaction that Agawam agrees with our traditional grass roots campaign. They also want to start with a clean slate and fresh, revitalized blood. Our next goal is to win the general election and with your help, we can do just that," said Cohen.

"As a sign of unity and support and to show the citizens of Agawam that we are ready to change from the 'old politics,' I would like to show our symbol. This ribbon of red and white symbolizes, by the use of red, the fresh, revitalized blood, and the white signifies a clean slate ... a new beginning.

"Please proudly display our symbol wherever possible; on your mailboxes, doorknobs, car or truck antennas, and of course, on your chest.

"Let's walk proudly together and make Agawam an even greater place, a greater place to live by supporting family values, giving back to the senior citizens, and investing in education and business.

"Agawam deserves to be a strong, thriving, healthy community and with your help, we will achieve all of this," concluded Cohen.

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Formation Of
A Website**

Louis J. Russo, candidate for City Council, has opened up a website. Russo says, "I want to afford all voters an opportunity to learn as much as they can about me and my candidacy.

"I am a firm believer in knowing who to vote for and what the candidates' qualifications are. This is one way for the people to know who they are voting for when asked to vote for me."

Russo, a strong advocate of open government and easy accessibility to elected officials, believes a website is one way to make his views and ideals available to everyone. The website can be found at WWW.SYSIMP/AGAWAM/LRUSSO/.

"It is well-known that I have never been afraid to stand behind anything I say or do," Russo comments, "therefore, anyone who checks out my website can be confident in knowing that what they see on the site is genuine."

Russo welcomes phone calls from anyone who has a question about anything. He can be called at 786-9107; e-mailed at LRUSSO123aAOL.COM.

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MR. SHOWER DOOR in Feeding Hills was the site of Rich Cohen's post-election celebration. Cohen came in second in the October 5th mayoral primary. Back row: Bill Daubmann (Cohen's campaign manager), Alan Cohen (Rich's brother), Candidate Cohen, and Attorney Vincent Gioscia. Front row: Phil Cohen (Rich's father), Bill Beauregard, and Kathy Ball.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

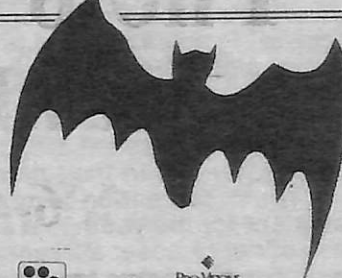
**Fundraiser For Councilor Bitzas Scheduled
On Oct. 22nd At The Capt. Leonard House**





The Committee to Reelect George Bitzas is pleased to announce that a fundraising event has been scheduled for Friday, October 22nd at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main St. in Agawam.

The committee and the Bitzas family cordially invite you and your family to come and support

George's reelection bid to the City Council. Coffee, tea, juice, and pastries will be served.

Tickets are \$10 per family and will be available at the door. If you are unable to attend and you would like to contribute to the campaign, please send checks to The Committee To Reelect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.




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SUSAN DAWSON

Pasta & Meatball Dinner For Dawson

Come meet Susan Dawson, candidate for Agawam School Committee, at a Pasta & Meatball Dinner to be held Thursday, October 28th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church (the facility is handicap accessible).

Donation is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for children.

For tickets, please contact the Committee to Elect Susan Dawson at 789-3400.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce To Host "Candidates' Forum" On October 20th

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a Candidates' Forum for Wednesday, October 20th, in the auditorium at the Agawam Middle School.

The format for the Agawam Candidates' Forum will be:

6:00 to 6:30 p.m.: Meet the candidates, auditorium open (informal gathering).

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.: Two-minute statements by School Committee candidates.

7:10 to 8:10 p.m.: Town Council candidates (media panel questions).

8:20 to 9:15 p.m.: Mayoral candidates (media panel questions).

The general public is invited to attend the forum. This program will also be cable-cast simultaneously on cable access Channel 15.

The moderator of the forum will be Linda Northup Vitro of David R. Northup Electrical Contrac-

tors, Inc., who is the President of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. A media panel will question Town Council and Mayoral candidates.

The panelists will be Ric Sardella, editor/publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser News*; Jack Farrell, staff writer of the *Union News*; and Barry Kriger, news anchor for WWLP TV22.

"The Agawam Chamber is proud to host this non-partisan candidates' forum," said Northup Vitro. "This candidates' forum and the Agawam Chamber's annual legislative breakfast offer us all opportunities to become more informed on the local issues that impact both business and the quality of life in the Agawam/Feeding Hills community."

Other upcoming Agawam Chamber of Commerce events include the chamber's annual breakfast on Friday, December 10th, at Oak Ridge Country Club.

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Councilor Jill Simpson Announces Bid For Reelection

"I am pleased to formally announce my bid for reelection to the Agawam Town Council," said Jill Simpson in a press statement this week.

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Agawam over the past six years, and it truly has been a learning experience. During my tenure, I have had the opportunity to meet many new people and to help many citizens with problems they have encountered in their daily lives here in town.

"I have voted on many issues that have had a great impact on our community. While it is impossible to agree with everyone on every issue that comes before the council, I am proud to say that I have never avoided an issue by refusing to take a stand. After researching a particular issue, I take the position that I believe is best for our community.

"I am very interested in zoning reform. I researched and authored (with Councilor Thompson) the zoning ordinance for regulation of adult entertainment.

"I was chairperson of the School Budget Subcommittee for five years. As a teacher and as a mother of two sons attending Agawam schools, I am especially interested in education and the direction in which our Superintendent and School Committee are taking our schools. Our council will need to support them as they face the challenges presented by the Massachusetts Education Reform Act.

"During my years of service, I have served as Town Council vice president and as a member of the Ordinance, Street Acceptance, and Utilities committees.

"I reside at 24 Pleasant Valley Road in Feeding Hills with my husband, David, and our two sons. Brian attends Agawam Junior High and Jeff attends Robinson Park School. I hold a B.A. in Sociology from Anna Maria College of Paxton, Mass. and Master's of Elementary Education from American International College in Springfield. I am currently employed as a pre-school teacher at Creative Kids in Westfield.

"I am a member of the Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, the Robinson Park PTO, Den Leader for Pack 75 in Feeding Hills, and a member of the Mayor's Recreational Assessment Committee.

From Councilor John Negrucchi...

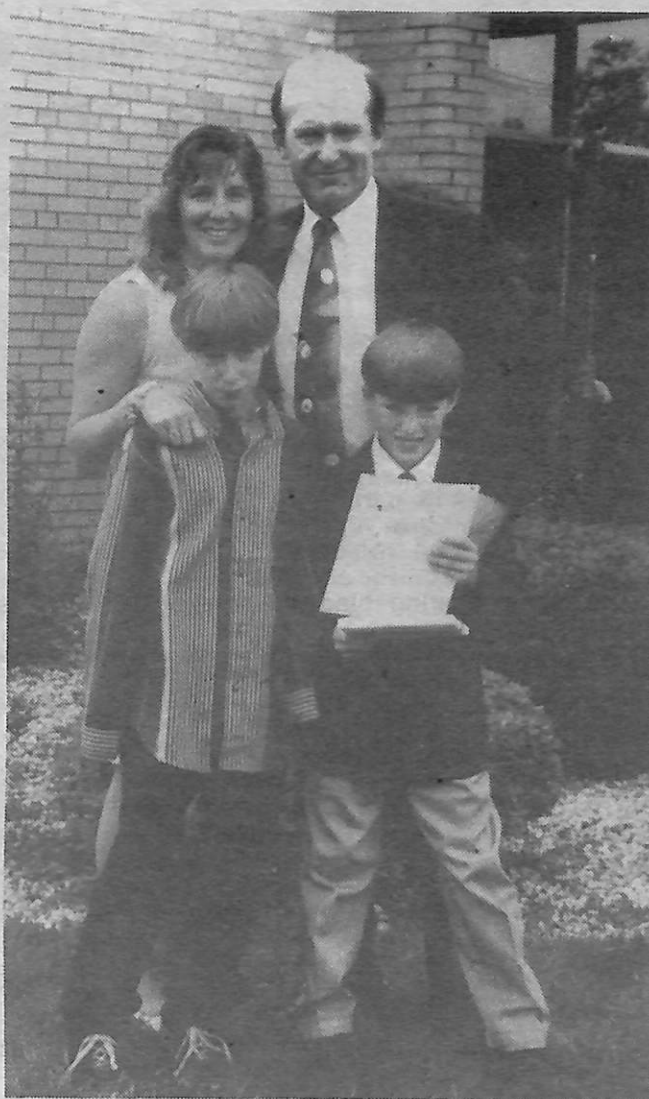
Leadership Is Key To Good Decision-Making

In a press release issued this week, John J. Negrucchi, candidate for reelection to the City Council, discussed his views about leadership and effective problem-solving:

Negrucchi stated, "I believe I have demonstrated the leadership qualities necessary to make qualified decisions based on consideration of each issue before the council.

"Leadership isn't about power or ego, but rather about one's ability to influence his colleagues when presenting a worthy opinion on behalf of the people we represent.

"Councilors are legislators. Interactive relationships and alliances are the keys to moving the people's business in a positive direction. My style



TOWN COUNCILOR JILL SIMPSON with her husband, David, and their sons, Brian and Jeff.

is simply based on courtesy and respect, leading by example. I consider myself an independent thinker who considers all viewpoints before making a decision."

He further stated, "I haven't been afraid to take a stand on issues, even if it meant testing those alliances among my colleagues."

Negrucchi concluded, "I have the leadership qualities demonstrated in my professional and civic life to make a difference for you. I ask you to support my reelection on November 2nd.

"If you would like to hold a sign at the polls on Election Day, please call me at 789-2887 or contact Billy Euliano at 786-0441."

Councilor Young Believes In Professionalism

In a campaign statement released this week, Town Councilor Robert M. Young said, "I feel that one of the most basic roles of a Town Councilor is to bring a professional, well-trained, and well-mannered style to the position.

"In addition, I believe that we elect 11 councilors because *11 heads are better than one* or two to work together for the common goals and good of the community.

"During my first term on the Town Council and in my career as a professional project manager, I have been successful at taking large and small groups alike, building consensus, and getting things done," said Young.

"I promise to continue to use my leadership, team-building, and negotiation skills to help build a better council, a council where members feel free to bring their own unique ideas and skills and blend them into a cohesive, professional town government.

"In our local government, there is a delicate balance that needs to be maintained between all of our great desires to increase our tax base as to increase the quality of our schools, build upon our already fine town services, and reduce individual taxes, while maintaining Agawam's small town charm and quality of life.

"I strongly believe that only a well organized, highly professional, well educated, and dedicated council, working together, can successfully deliver on this very critical goal that impacts all our futures. As the father of three children under the age of three, I am keenly interested in how each and every decision is reached and its impact upon our children's future.

"I respectfully ask the people of Agawam and Feeding Hills for their continued support so that I may continue to bring my professionalism and strong work ethic to the town."

Councilor Young is 37 and the father of four. As a first-term councilor, Young has chaired the Street Acceptance and the Rules and Regulations Committees. Additionally, Young was one of the two elected officials selected to serve on the Zoning Review Task Force and is a member of the Mayor's Recreation Assessment Committee.

A graduate of Springfield College and trained in negotiation skills and labor negotiations at Harvard, Young is the Associate Director of Field Technology Relations and Quality Assurance at MassMutual.

If anyone would like to contribute to his campaign or display a lawn sign in their yard, they should contact his campaign manager, Joe Calabrese, at 786-3977 or his wife, Karla, at 786-8995.

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays.

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ROSEMARY SANDLIN

Sandlin Announces Reelection Bid For School Committee

This week, Rosemary Sandlin announced her candidacy for reelection to the Agawam School Committee. In addition, Sandlin made public her nomination to serve as Vice President of The Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

"I am honored that my colleagues across the state have nominated me to serve in a leadership role on The Massachusetts Association of School Committees. It means even more to me, though, that my neighbors in Agawam have enough faith and confidence in me to allow me to serve them on our School Committee," stated Sandlin.

"I have used and will continue to use my position on the state association to learn about what other systems are successfully accomplishing for their children. The best educational ideas from across the state should be available for Agawam's schools and children," said Sandlin.

Sandlin's priorities are school safety, continued support of all-day kindergarten, raising MCAS scores for all students, revitalizing school libraries, and ensuring that Agawam school facilities and playgrounds are available after the school day to those who need them.

"Safety in our schools is an issue that I'm hearing more concern about from parents, teachers,

and students than ever before. I share the concern. I want every Agawam student and parent to feel safe at school," stated Sandlin.

"I've been active in attracting resources and experts to assist Agawam schools in raising awareness of the need to address the problem of school safety. We're concentrating right now on bully prevention, beginning at the kindergarten level and extending peer mentoring and other programs that foster a safe and civil school atmosphere.

"In the next few weeks, we'll be announcing a new program on bully prevention — that I've been working on with experts in the field — the first in the state. Sometimes we forget how much at risk we are in at a suburban school. It makes sense to plan and prepare, as a school community, to face the unthinkable while there is time to prevent tragedy," said Sandlin.

Sandlin's future vision also includes further expanding the use of school facilities as a community resource for all ages. "The schools are a natural gathering place, a safe place for kids,

parents, and grandparents. My long-term agenda strives to move the school into a central role as a place in the community for youth recreation, athletics, senior athletics, and ongoing adult education and fitness promotion. No one who wants to use the facilities their taxes pay for should be denied access," stated Sandlin.

Another initiative of Sandlin's is working to establish a Boys' and Girls' Club in Agawam. "Advocating for our children, helping them in their development, shouldn't just be limited to the time that they are in the school room," said Sandlin.

Sandlin is a lifelong resident of Agawam and a graduate of Agawam public schools. She is the mother of four (all graduates of Agawam's school system) and a grandmother of three.

She also serves as Chief-of-Staff for Massachusetts Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian. Sandlin has worked both in Boston and Melconian's district offices for the past 16 years.

She is currently pursuing a degree in Public Administration at the University of Massachusetts.

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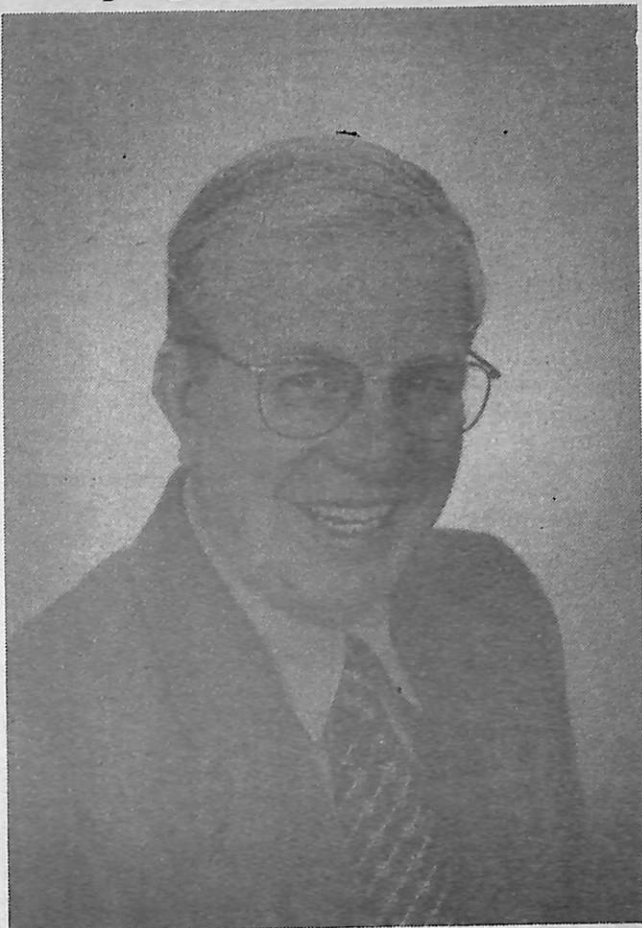
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KARL STIEG

Karl Stieg Seeks Seat On School Committee

"I am announcing my candidacy for one of the six seats on the Agawam School Committee," said Karl Stieg this week in a press statement.

"I reside on Edgewood Lane with my wife, Judy, my daughter, Elizabeth, a junior at Agawam High School, and son, Scott, a freshman in college.

"The education of our children has always been a priority of mine. In 1995, I ran for office and was a strong advocate for our children's educational needs. I can recall the problems in our schools at the time; old textbooks or, in some cases, no textbooks; very little, if any, school supplies; loss of the stringed instrument program; few computers; and a budget that was cut by \$160,000.

"Since these troubling days, our schools have made strides in correcting these problems. Sadly, other problems still exist today," Stieg said. "Some are trouble with spending in the academic account, no five-year plan, close to \$1,000 below the state average on spending per pupil, far below the state average in amount of computers in our classrooms, continued below average test scores on the SAT's, and having our High School being placed on warning status for accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for failing 30 percent of the standards for accreditation.

"The New England Association of Schools and Colleges cited in their 1989 Accreditation Report problems that needed attention to keep our accreditation. What is incomprehensible is that these recommendations were not acted on until we were cited again and our High School was placed on probation for accreditation.

"Our Education Department, School Committee, and the mayor must become proactive and not reactive when dealing with needs of our schoolchildren. If elected, I will continue to be a strong advocate for our children and teachers' educational needs to provide the tools needed for the best education possible.

"I have been inspired by the following quote by George Bernard Shaw: 'You see things and say why?', but I dream things that never were, and say, 'why not'?"

"I also feel a part of education is diversification and I have the following diversified background: I am a Marketing Representative for Tri-State Expedited Services and owner of a part-time business. I attended the University of Hartford and New Haven College, Transportation Certificate, Board Member University of Connecticut Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Railroad History Advisory Board, former member City of Hartford Environmental Committee, former Union State Legislative Representative BRAC AFL-CIO, member National Defense Transportation Association, former member Board of Directors Sacred Heart Athletic Association, coached Sacred Heart Athletic Association in-town and suburban softball teams, and a 30-year member Hartford-Lafayette No. 88, A.F. & A.M., and a veteran," concluded Stieg.

Ziti And Meatball Fundraiser On October 25th For Agawam City Councilor Gina M. Letellier

The Committee to Elect Gina M. Letellier is pleased to announce that a Ziti and Meatball fundraising dinner has been scheduled for Monday, October 25th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills.

Once again, the meal will be prepared by campaign chair Walter "Terry" Letellier, with the able assistance of co-chefs William Parent, Sr. and Frank Trincini.

Tickets will be available at the door or from any

member of the Committee. Adult tickets are \$5 each. Tickets for senior citizens and children under 12 are \$2 each.

To request tickets in advance, to make a donation, to volunteer at the dinner or on Election Day, or just to talk to the candidate, you can reach Gina-Marie Letellier during the day at 739-2112 or evenings at 786-4723. If you want to speak to the chair, Walter "Terry" Letellier, or the treasurer, Maryanne M. Letellier, please call 786-4723.

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ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" at Fini's Plant Farm: Nonna West, Zachary Brown, and Shawn Devine. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"The Great Pumpkin Adventure" At Fini's Plant Farm Is "Spooktacular"

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Shrieks of delight carry through the wooded area and fields of Fini's Plant Farm on James Street in Feeding Hills. "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" takes children and parents in an open wagon, pulled by tractor, rumbling down a dirt path passing large fields of pumpkins. Other children wait for the return of this wagon, anticipating their turn.

Mike Fini drives the tractor, but first he counts heads "to make sure we don't lose anyone — or pick someone else up along the way."

"The Great Pumpkin Adventure" costs just \$3.50. This is the fourth year that Fini's Plant Farm has offered the ride and it is literally "a scream." As the tractor nears a wooded section, the dirt path turns and a sign warns of frightful things up ahead.

This is honest creativity at work. Every prop is handmade and handpainted, including lots of grave markers. One sign says something to the ef-

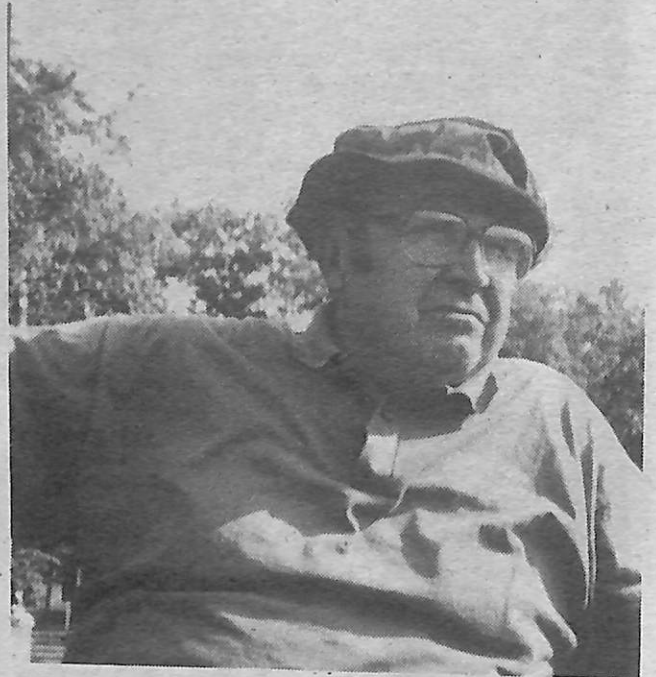
fect that if Elvis ever settles down, he can rest here. There are some spooky car wrecks and eerie stuffed shapes, and a sudden stop near a little thatched house gets the audience involved (very directly!).

We recommend this weekly activity for the family, but cannot reveal any more surprises or we'd spoil the fun. An entire area is set aside at Fini's for private parties. The groups can play in designated areas, choosing mazes in the hay or other activities.

Under separate management, pony rides for \$1 are available on the premises, too, while waiting for "The Great Pumpkin Adventure."

Fini's offers "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" all week for groups like the Cub Scouts, Brownies, pre-school, kindergarten, and many others. The fresh air and country atmosphere blend together, making Fini's "Great Pumpkin Adventure" a real hands-on Halloween experience.

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AL FINI, owner of Fini's Plant Farm, blazes the trail through pumpkin patches, spooky forests, and haunted graveyards on his way to "rescue" one of the visitors of "The Great Pumpkin Adventure." Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Annual Craft Fair On Sat., Nov. 6th, At St. Thomas School

The Annual Craft Fair at St. Thomas School will be held on Saturday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The school is located on Route 20, West Springfield (across from Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home).

The Craft Fair will be hosted by the Agawam Lioness Club this year and is looking to host this fair for many years to come.

Featured items will include area crafters whose wares include pressed flower poem frames, wooden ornaments, quilted items, floral wreaths, baby items, children's fabric books, covered baskets, ceramic items, hand-crafted jewelry, handmade dolls, tin ware, and numerous Christmas items.

The Craft Fair will feature a raffle drawing, bake sale by the Lioness Club, along with the many area crafters who will insure a good time for all.

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BOB MAGOVERN (far left) with some visitors who recently "dropped in" on him: balloon passenger **Jean Bonini** from Somers, balloon pilot **Ed Lappies**, and balloon passenger **Bonnie Fonseca** from Springfield. This balloon was part of a race that was sponsored by Riverside Amusement Park.

What Do Balloons And Champagne Have In Common? Just Ask Bob Magovern

Council Vice President Bob Magovern got an unexpected visitor while he was cutting his lawn recently.

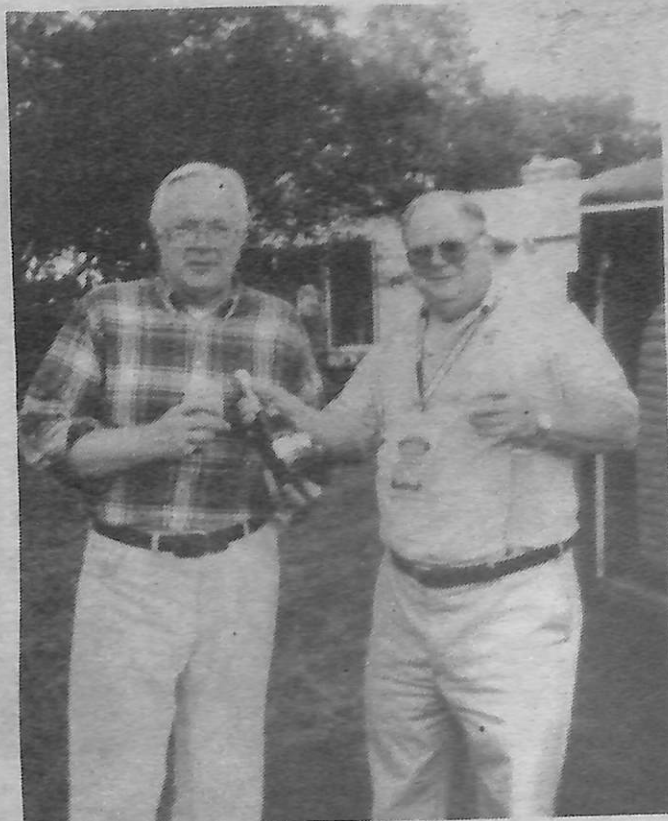
Bob said he was thinking that it would be great to have a nice glass of wine with their Sunday dinner, but realized nobody had gotten any on Saturday. Being Sunday, of course, all the stores were closed and so no wine with dinner.

As Bob was looking up, he saw the hot air balloons going overhead from the Riverside race, and commented that it would be great if one of the balloons landed in his yard. According to tradition, hot air balloons that land are supposed

to give the landowner a bottle of wine. Problem solved.

Bob went back to mowing his lawn when all of a sudden he heard a voice from above. "Can we land?" He gave permission to land, then as soon as they were safe on the ground and the ground crew stowed away the balloon, Bob was presented with his champagne for dinner.

Bob said, "It would be great if all my hopes for Agawam could be solved in the same manner. But I think they will only be solved the old-fashioned way; work a little harder and longer."



BOB MAGOVERN (left) being given his landowner's "gift" of the traditional bottle of champagne from balloon pilot **Ed Lappies**.

Pack 77 Schedules Bottle Drive For Sat., October 23rd

Pack 77 will be holding its fall bottle drive on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the St. John's parking lot.

The Cub Scouts will be asking their neighbors to save their redeemable bottles and cans for the next couple of weeks. You may stop by St. John's parking lot on the 23rd to drop off your bottles and cans, or call Cathy (786-5103) to arrange for a pick-up.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: The Anniversary Banquet committee; standing — Harry & Betty Durant (table arrangements), Leanore Dion (chaplain), and Art Collier (ticket sales); seated — Virginia Lake (entertainment), Eileen Collier (ticket sales), and Barbara Sherry (ticket sales). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Enjoying themselves at the Anniversary Banquet; standing — Carmella Serra, Ann Shea, and Grace Kinney; seated — Imelda Shea, Rita Robertson, and Wilma Gillan.

At Shaker Farms Country Club...

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chap. 2, Holds Anniversary Banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 held its 17th Anniversary Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 6th.

Club president Perry McCobb and his wife, Rose, greeted the arriving seniors and directed them to the snack table for cheese, crackers, and punch during the social hour.

At 12:00 noon, McCobb welcomed the club members and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Chaplain Leanore Dion.

The dinner began with a fresh fruit cup, crisp salad, and three delicious entrees - roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, and baked scrod. After the main course, peach melba parfait dessert completed the menu.

The president expressed special thanks to the Banquet Committee: Harry & Betty Durant (table arrangements), Arthur & Eileen Collier and Barbara Sherry (ticket sales), and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

Special recognition was made to the following couples celebrating their anniversary:

Robert & Gloria Pickett, 50 years; Rupert & Ethel Kane, 60 years; Paul & Elsie Osypuk, 65 years.

Willis & Ruth Parady were presented a bouquet of red roses by Rose McCobb in honor of their 75 years of marriage.

Club secretary Rita Matys read the marriage history of each honored couple.

Each couple received a miniature decorated wedding cake prepared by Leanore Dion.

Dancing to the "Anniversary Waltz" concluded this special program.

Virginia Lake, program chairperson, introduced the entertainment, Melody Band, from the Agawam Senior Center.

"God Bless America" was sung by all members in closing the music program.

The Atrium To Celebrate Its 2nd Anniversary

Country Fest '99 is the theme for The Atrium's second anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, October 17th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, and will feature hay rides, country fiddlers, square dancing, clowns, face painting, food, fun, and entertainment for all.

Tours of The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam will be given throughout the day to learn more about the special programs of the area's only assisted living residence designed exclusively for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss.

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AT THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, Willis & Ruth Parady (seated) were presented with cake and flowers in honor of their 75th wedding anniversary. Looking on are club president Perry McCobb, Leanore Dion (chaplain), and Rose McCobb (publicity).

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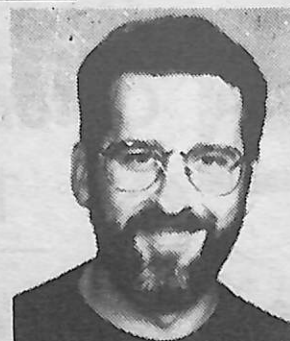
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REVEREND WILLIAM ROUSSEAU (far left) with Joan and Don Rheault, who recently renewed their wedding vows.

At St. Anthony's Church...

Don & Joan Rheault Among Couples Who Renewed Their Vows

Agawam Town Council President Don Rheault and his wife, Joan, were among over 25 couples who recently renewed their wedding vows at St. Anthony's Church in North Agawam.

Reverend William Rousseau of St. Anthony's Parish (also St. Theresa) performed the ceremony at a special Mass where they renewed their vows. A reception followed in the basement of St. Anthony's, where refreshments were served.

Don and Joan were married at St. Anthony's Church in North Agawam and are the longest married couple that graduated from Agawam High School in their class.

To honor the event, Father Rousseau had a special tree planted next to the church in honor of those renewing their vows for memory of the solemn occasion.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 18th: Hot dog on roll, baked beans, cole slaw, orange.

Tuesday, October 19th: Ziti and meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday, October 20th: Meatloaf and gravy, baked potato, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, apple stick pies.

Thursday, October 21st: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, spinach, rye bread, pears.

Friday, October 22nd: Baked fish, steak fries, pickled beets, whole wheat bread, apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

All the hometown news with us, every week...

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At Storowton Village...

Old-Fashioned Fun At "Haunted Old New England"

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Storowton Village Museum welcomes all those who dare to enjoy "Haunted Old New England," beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16th, in the Village's Red Barn, located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It will be a bewitchingly good time for the entire family when professional storyteller Jennifer Blum of Concord, MA, spins a web of spooky stories straight from 18th- and 19th-century New England. The program will be presented by candlelight in the Village's Red Barn.

Come hear the Halloween-spirited stories of years past in Storowton's unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages six to 12. Children under six will be admitted free of charge.

Space is limited, so be sure to make reservations by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

Spfld. Turnverein's Tai Chi Classes Are In Session

The Springfield Turnverein is always looking for new members to join its Tai Chi class. We are completing our first year on November 1st and we can say it was a successful year.

The well-known Chinese instructor Baiqing Li is teaching Beginner and Advanced Level classes. Our Gym Hall is large enough to accommodate 40 to 50 people to comfortably do exercises of all sorts. You may come in at 9:00 a.m. and walk before the class starts.

With the inclement winter weather just around the corner and too cold to walk outside, you will be ready for Tai Chi. We invite you to join us to limber up your body and relax your mind. You will notice what a difference it makes to gently stretch your muscles, and do movements which improve joint flexibility and balance.

Look us up on Monday mornings starting from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We are located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

If you would like more information, please call Christa at 786-0143.

Agawam High's Class Of 1944 Schedules 55th Reunion Weekend

The Agawam High School Class of 1944 will hold its 55th class reunion on Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st.

On Saturday evening, the alumni and their guests will meet at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 6:30.

On Sunday morning at 10:00, a brunch will be enjoyed at the Ivanhoe Restaurant in West Springfield.

Committee members include Susie Cotton, Marjorie Colli, Alice McMullen, Ralph Barker, Frank Carleo, Joyce Colburn, Alice Quick, and Elizabeth Wescott.


Reservations with payment should be sent to Marjorie Colli no later than October 13th.

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Question: What basic make-up tools do I really need? (Continued from last week.)

Answer: Powder puffs should be of a velour type to press powder into the skin, especially the oily "T" zone (chin, nose, and forehead). Resist the fluffy type for make-up, as it will only overload the complexion and overuse the product. Save the goose down powder puffs for bath powder.

Tweezers are a must to keep brow hairs cleaned up. I suggest Tweezerman brand with a slant edge to grip hairs effectively. For ingrown hairs or splinters, go for the fine point.

Pencil Sharpeners are a good tool to have for sharpening cosmetic pencils, not only for keeping a defined line, but for keeping the tip clean to prevent the spread of germs and bacteria. This does not have to be a fancy item or a costly investment.

Eyelash Curlers work well to keep lashes in great shape. Heating the metal end type of curlers with a blow dryer will help set the lashes in place. Be extra careful not to overcurl the lash or burn the eyelid.

Brow Brush & Lash Comb is a great addition! The comb will help if your mascara clumps. Place the comb near the roots and gently sweep upward. Dip the brush into a moisturizer or hair gel to give brows a manicured look.

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You can visit Jennifer at our salon Tuesday through Saturday where she can help you with all your make-up looks ... **Beauty is our Business!**

A thought for a smile: a bunch of balloons on a mailbox.

Charity Picnic Slated At Agawam American Legion On Oct. 23rd

On Saturday, October 23rd, a Charity Picnic will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Entertainment will be provided by three different bands, and there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages available.

At 5:00 p.m., a chicken barbecue dinner will be served, followed by music from the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers.

The cost is \$15 per ticket, and the proceeds from this event will benefit the American Legion Post 185 and Auxiliary Unit 185.

For tickets and/or more information, call Tina at 786-4806.

Arsenault Family Welcomes Baby Girl

Lauren and Jared Arsenault of Feeding Hills are happy to announce the birth of their sister, Paige Olivia, on October 5, 1999.

Olivia weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Gene and Kelly Arsenault.

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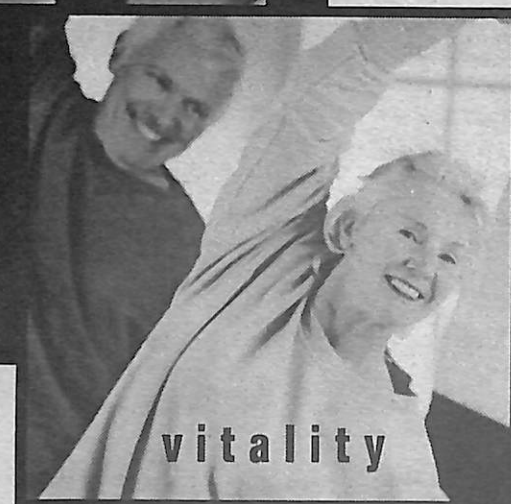
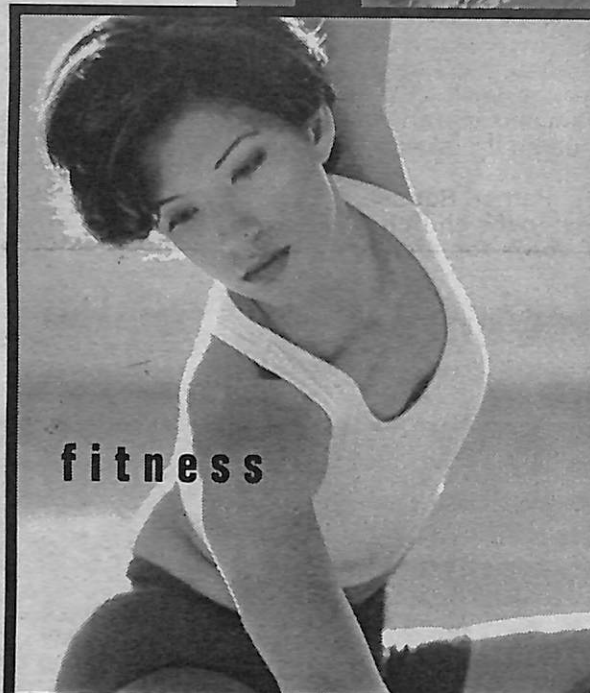
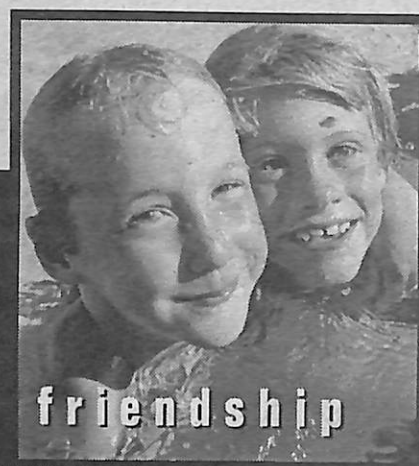
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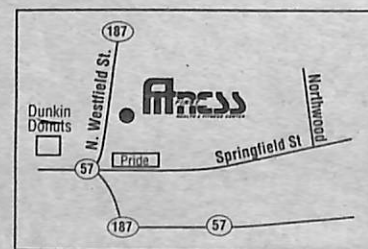


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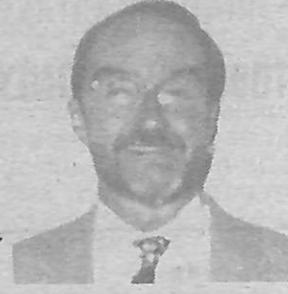
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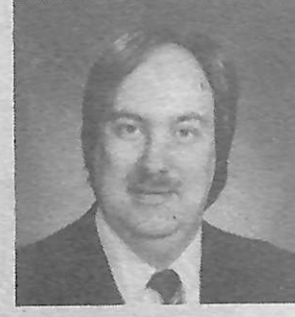
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Parish Cupboard To Hold Open House On Thurs., Oct. 21st

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will formally introduce its new name, Parish Cupboard, to the community at an Open House to be held October 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

A brief ceremony blessing the Parish Cupboard as a house of hospitality will take place at 6:30 with representatives of Agawam, Feeding Hills, Southwick, and West Springfield.

Townpeople living in those communities are invited to tour the soup kitchen and food pantry that serve the needy from their communities.

Everyone is invited, especially families. "Children are often afraid to come to the Pantry, as clients or as volunteers," said Candy Boucher, Executive Director.

"We are a friendly place, often the first place that people from another country visit when they arrive in America. We pride ourselves in making that first impression a good one."

Boucher added, "Helping out at the Pantry, now the Parish Cupboard, is good for young people. Seeing others in need helps us appreciate how good our life is and helping people feels good."

'Tomasina' The Good Witch To Perform At The Agawam Library

Preschoolers and their families are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, October 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. for a storytime with Tomasina the friendly "witch," as portrayed by storyteller Monica Bleasius.

Her non-scary stories and imaginative activities make perfect Halloween entertainment for preschool children, but the whole family is invited to join the fun.

Call 789-1550 to register for the program.

Airman Eric N. Dufresne Arrives At Lackland AFB

Air Force Airman Eric N. Dufresne has arrived for duty at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Dufresne is a medical service apprentice assigned to Wilford Hall Medical Center.

The airman is the son of Christine Dufresne of 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills and Normand Dufresne of 25 Sarah Lane, Belchertown.

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We would like to welcome you and your family to a Halloween Friday Night Supper on October 29th, serving from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be some entertainment, and you may wear your favorite Halloween costume.

For table reservations, please call the STV at 786-0924 by October 27th.

If you enjoyed this supper (and you can be certain you will), tell your friends. If you miss this one, put the following dates on your calendar: November 5th and November 19th.

AHS's Class Of 1989 Planning 10th Reunion For November 26th

The Reunion Committee is busy planning the Agawam High School Class of 1989's 10-year reunion to be held Friday, November 26th at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Tickets are \$40 per person and will include a sit-down dinner and dancing to live entertainment. Further information will be sent to class members in the mail, but you are encouraged to contact Brittany McGregor (Morin) by phone at 413-786-5604 or Dave Fazio by e-mail at dm1195aol.com.

Dave and Brittany would like to hear from you if you would like to purchase tickets, have information about contacting a long-lost classmate, or would like to volunteer for the Reunion Committee.

Parish Cupboard Seeks Donations Of Blankets

Colder weather is coming and your neighbors need blankets.

PLEASE, consider bringing a blanket, old or new, to the Parish Cupboard (formerly the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry), 1023 Main Street, West Springfield.

Same location, same neighbors helping neighbors. Sheets and towels, new or used, are also needed.



Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

French Toast Breakfast On Oct. 17th...

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a French Toast Breakfast on October 17th at the Agawam Senior Center.

There will be continuous servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The menu will consist of french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee, milk, or tea. We will also have egg substitute for those who can't have eggs.

ASGA will be assisted by the Agawam Lions Club, who will do the cooking. This promises to be a very enjoyable morning with family and friends. We hope to see many of our friends and civic leaders come out for this event.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10. Tickets may be obtained from any member of ASGA or at the Senior Center.

Rather have pancakes? Come along, we'll make them for you!!!

"Wine Fest" At Spfld. Turnverein On Sat., October 23rd

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will sponsor a Wine Fest on Saturday, October 23rd. A roast pork dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be by "The Vagabonds," a husband and wife duo.

Reservations may be made by calling the Club at 786-0924. Deadline is October 20th.

Tickets will be \$12 for members and \$14 for guests. If you are unable to attend the dinner, we invite you to join us for \$7.

Please plan to be with us.

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Church News

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. This week will be CROPWALK Sunday.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Walking Through Life Together." Ushering will be Diane Lindeland and Connie Haynes. Chris and Andy Kretschmar will be our acolytes.

Youth will leave at a designated time for Sunday School lessons this week. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Family Movie Night on Friday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. A video appropriate for the entire family will be shown.

Bring your kids, their friends, and some pillows to cuddle up with. Snacks will be provided.

The Agawam/West Springfield CROPWALK will take place in Agawam this Sunday, October 17th. Registration begins at St. David's Church on Springfield Street at 1:00 p.m. This is a new starting point this year. The walk itself will begin at 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in supporting this event, speak to the recruiter at your church or call this church at 786-5061. A portion of the proceeds will be donated locally to the Open Pantry in West Springfield. There is also a special challenge to all CROPWALK communities this year that could net Church World Service \$20,000.

Call Rev. Donaldson at 786-5061 for details.

The Agawam Parish Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at the Bethany Assembly of God on Saturday, October 16th, at 8:30 a.m. This group is made up of clergy and lay persons from each church in Agawam.

New members are encouraged to join. Please call 789-2930 for further information.

The deadline for submissions to the next church newsletter is Thursday, October 21st. Please have all information to the office on or before that date.

Remember, the early bird gets space on the front page!

We are invited to join in a gathering of music lovers for a Sunday afternoon community hymn sing. The musical extravaganza will take place at South Congregational Church on Maple Street in Springfield on October 24th at 1:30 p.m.

This year, Alice Parker, a renowned choral arranger who has worked with Robert Shaw, will lead the singers. Please call 732-0117 for more information.

On the calendar:

Friday, October 15th: 7:00 p.m., Movie Night.

Saturday, October 16th: 8:30 a.m., APA at Bethany; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Creative Memories.

Sunday, October 17th: 10:00 a.m., CROPWALK

Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, October 18th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, October 19th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Wednesday, October 20th: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 21st: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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St. John's Parish News And Notes

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be here at St. John's on Monday night, October 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC ATTENDANTS

Anyone who can help, even part-time, is asked to call Annette Reynolds, 786-8105. Parents are asked to help by following the patterns established for safety.

Night comes earlier these nights, so care on Monday and Tuesday nights is critical.

YOUTH GROUP HAY RIDE

A hay ride has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd, for students in grades five and up.

There will be two rides (for those in grades 5-7 and grades 8-12). There is a \$5 deposit which will be returned the night of the hayride.

Sounds like fun!

CROP WALK

The Annual Crop Walk for the Hungry will take place on October 17th. The walk will begin at St. David's Church.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., with the 10K walk starting at 2:00 p.m.

We will have baskets available at the church doors that weekend for those who would like to contribute but are unable to walk.

BAZAAR

Christmas decorations will be welcomed by the Decorations Committee. Please bring all your old and discarded decorations for the Bazaar.

LADIES EXERCISE BEGINS THE FALL SESSION

Class schedule: Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:15 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

Classes are in the lower level of the Parish Center. Dancers 'N Motion has an opening in preschool.

For more info, call Grace, 786-6636.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Our Parish Singles Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center.

New members are always welcome.

RCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in looking into becoming a member of the Catholic Church? We will soon be starting the new program. Inquiries are welcome.

Call Sr. Mary Clare at 786-4499, or Father Howard at 786-8105.

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

There will be a meeting of the club on Thursday, October 21st, for a Halloween Party. (Costumes are optional.)

A bag lunch will be served by the planning committee. Prizes for costumes and door prizes will be awarded.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

FALL BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

Pack 77 Cub Scouts will have their fall bottle/can drive in the church parking lot on October 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, it is popcorn month.

Call Cathy for more information at 786-5103.

ADVERTISER NEWS



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Attributes Of A Healthy Church - Part I...

When you think of church, what do you think of? Some people think of the church building. Some people are more specific, focusing on the church steeple, or stained glass windows, or perhaps the large, heavy doors.

Other people might think about the church choir, or church music in general. Some people like traditional church music because it's different from the ordinary music we generally hear, and therefore it seems special. Church bells pealing at noontime can be soothing to us.

Still others, when thinking of church, focus on the clergy person. The priest or minister stands out as the center of the church. They say they go to, or like, Rev. So and So's church.

When the Bible describes the church, it never even mentions any of these three things with which many people associate the church. In the Bible, the three attributes of a healthy church are **work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.** Let's consider these three distinguishing attributes in turn.

Work produced by faith. Some people mistakenly think that faith is a private matter. They think it is extremely personal, nobody else's business. That's simply not true, because we live our public lives based upon our personal, or private, faith. We act each day according to what we believe. If we live in a personal and dynamic relationship with God, that will be evident by the way we live. The Bible says that **faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead.**

The church's work must be prompted by faith. Admittedly, there are some churches today which are more multi-cultural, from a spiritual point of view, than Biblical. If somebody can believe anything and comfortably fit in with a church, then what they believe is meaningless.

To believe, or have faith, in something automatically means that other things are excluded. In the Old Testament, conflicts arose between God and the people of Israel because the people of Israel wanted to worship other gods, usually the Baals, in addition to God.

God's response to that was, **"I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from Me there is no God."** In the Psalms, we read, **For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods. For the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

Just as **faith without works is dead**, so work without faith is also dead, because **without faith it is impossible to please God.**

(To be continued next week...)

Church News - continued...

Activities And Happenings At First Baptist Church

At the 9:30 a.m. service of worship this Sunday, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Doing Mission." Assisting him in worship leadership will be Glenn Rennell, as he leads the responsive reading.

Junior Church will convene following the children's story in worship. All children up through grade four will leave the sanctuary at this time.

A time of conversation and coffee will be held in Davis Hall after worship, with classes for all ages provided until 11:45 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend worship and classes with us each Sunday morning.

The American Baptist Churches of Pioneer Valley will hold their fall meeting on Sunday, October 17th, at the First Baptist Church, 605 South Street, Holyoke.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

The new Bible Study home group will hold its second meeting of the season on Tuesday, October 19th, at the home of Dorothy Major, 1108 Main Street. The group will be reading the letters of Peter and James from the New Testament.

Mrs. Major will be leading the discussions, assisted by the Pastor.

This is an open group. You are invited to attend. The group meets from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The Mr. & Mrs. Club will open its season on Tuesday, October 19th, with a covered dish supper and program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This group is open to all adults in the church, regardless of marital status.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, October 19th: 1:30 p.m., Home Bible Study; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club; 7:00 p.m., Youth Group.

Wednesday, October 20th: 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 21st: 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of October are Charlie and Lorie Baker (786-8140).

Weekly Calendar Of Events And Activities From The Agawam Congregational Church

On the 21st Sunday after Pentecost (October 17th), the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will worship at 10:30 a.m., and the Rev. Eric Bascom, Interim Pastor, will preach a sermon based on the experience of the Hebrew people approaching Mt. Sinai, called "Keep it Holy!"

It is Youth Sunday, and young people will take leadership roles in the morning service. Bibles will be presented to the third-graders.

Church School (seventh- through 12th-grade) and Confirmation Classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Crib Room through sixth-grade meet during the Worship Service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Midweek Worship Service has been changed to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary, and will be led by Eric Bascom.

The Adult Bible Study Group will meet next on Thursday, October 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Want to know more about the Bible? Do you have Bible stories to share? Is the Bible for you? Why not attend a meeting and see. All are welcome.

This group will be meeting on the first Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. following the Midweek Service.

New members will be received into the church on November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent. For those interested, Dr. Bascom will lead a brief series of orientations called "Everything You

wanted to Know about Christianity but Were Too Afraid to Ask."

People considering joining the church should contact the pastor or the church office, 786-7111, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Mark your calendars and save this date for the Catering Group's Chicken Pie Supper — Saturday, October 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir continues to meet for rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.

New voices are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir may attend.

The choir is under the direction of the Minister of Music, Ms. Ellen Cogen.

The next rehearsal for the Children's Choir will be Sunday, October 17th, following the Worship Service. All ages are welcome.

Playgroup at the church is up and running under the direction of Ms. Sue Tapply, Family Outreach Coordinator.

Want to join in on the fun and friendship? Stop by on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Call the church office at 786-7111.

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale. The \$10 book may be purchased at the church office.

Reminder: The Annual Crop Walk is this Sunday, October 17th. Registration is at 1:00 p.m., with step-off at 2:00 p.m.

The walk begins and ends at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Church News - continued...**Rev. Eric Bascom's Book Available At Ag. Congregational**

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Published by WeeBee Books, this 142-page book would make an ideal Christmas gift. The cost is \$10 per copy.

According to Rev. Bascom, getting ready to be a minister is not quite the straightforward process people take it to be. The actual path is fraught with pitfalls and pratfalls; a comical mix of earnest expectations, brought low by a hooded gang of vulgar circumstances, leaving the budding man of the cloth gasping for breath and seeking escape.

The student pastor who tumbled into the hole while conducting a burial, the organist who played Bach with three pairs of glasses on her nose, and the unfortunate man who caught a ride from Bar Harbor to Bangor and made it in record time (only to get out too soon), are a few of the characters.

The author of "Up Where the House Burned Down" now tells his own stories: a refreshing collection of anecdotes about growing up poor but hilarious, and pursuing the tangled trail into ministry. Admired for his preaching and storytelling, he has an insider's view of the oldest profession, what it is, and what it takes to get there.

"What makes this carefully crafted little book come alive is stories, one after the other, told well, full of heartache and hilarity ... This is a funny book ... but a wise one, filled with people who made sense out of life by living well ... a fun and inspiring read." - Gary DeLong.

"The sex is decorous, the violence mild ... a good book, easy to read, full of good writing, clear, to the point. It fits the ministry. It fits, especially, New England." - George Wood, Jr.

Chicken Pie Supper Slated At Agawam Congregational

The Catering Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church is putting on a Chicken Pie Supper on October 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be chicken and biscuits, squash, green beans, rolls and butter, and cranberry sauce. Dessert will be homemade apple pie.

Adults are \$7.50 and children are \$4. Please call the church office at 786-7111 for reservations by October 21st.

A Few Openings Remain For St. Thomas Craft Fair

There are still a few openings for crafters for the Annual Craft Fair to be held at St. Thomas School, Route 20, West Springfield, on Saturday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost for a 10 x 10 space is \$35.

For an application and further information, contact Ann, 789-0015.

Bethany Assembly Of God Schedules Its Annual Fair

"Gifts & Good Taste" Annual Fair, sponsored by Bethany Assembly of God Women's Ministries, is being held at the Captain Leonard House, Main St., Agawam on Saturday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday gifts and decorations, handmade gift items, gift baskets, and bake sale will be offered for your holiday giving and enjoyment.

Proceeds will benefit mission projects at home and abroad. See you there!

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

Flu Clinic Scheduled For November 3rd At Bethany Assembly Of God In Agawam

Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, is sponsoring a flu clinic on Wednesday, November 3rd, in the Fireplace Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The VNA of Western New England will administer the shots. Vaccinations cost \$10 each, but they are free to senior adults currently on Medicare who bring their cards.

Bethany hopes everyone who would like to be

vaccinated would avail themselves of this opportunity. We want to be sure our Bethany family and friends stay happy and healthy over the flu season.

To receive the flu shot, you must not have a cold or any current cold or flu symptoms, and you must not be allergic to the vaccination or to eggs.

For further information, please contact Bethany Assembly of God at 789-2930.

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation...

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Financial Solutions For Blended Families (Part II)...

Make the most of child support payments. If either set of children in your blended family are beneficiaries of child support payments, decide how the funds will be factored into the family's budget. If you don't use payments for children's daily living expenses, consider making systematic contributions to an investment plan for financial goals like paying for your children's education.

Regular contributions can help you reap the benefits of dollar-costs averaging, a simple but powerful long-term strategy where you automatically buy more shares when the market price is low and fewer shares when the market price is high.

Even though this strategy doesn't guarantee a profit or protect against loss in declining markets, it can decrease your average cost per share over time if you continue investing throughout market fluctuations, including periods of low market prices.

Make estate planning decisions early. The complexity of estate planning for blended families makes it especially urgent to address these issues early — even if you're young and healthy. That's because the traditional lines of inheritance don't necessarily apply in situations where remarriage occurs.

For many, the major goal of estate planning is to defer paying taxes as long as possible. But people with multiple families may find that by procrastinating estate tax payment, they short-change their children's inheritance. Here's why: since the unlimited marital deduction allows people to leave assets to their spouses, taxes can be deferred on estates of qualifying sizes until both partners are deceased.

If you are in a blended marriage, don't have your estate set up properly, and you are the first to die, it's possible that your assets will end up with your spouse's children — not yours.

You can see why estate planning is something that should always be done with professional help. It's especially true for blended families.

Regardless of the complexities involved, blending families and watching them grow and learn from each other can be a rewarding experience. Since no one has all the answers, don't be afraid to get help along the way.

Sound financial advice can go a long way to help your newly-formed union launch a new beginning.

Nanci Waniewski Joins Keenan & Molta Associates

Nanci Waniewski has joined Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates as a full-time sales associate working out of the Longmeadow office, according to Robert Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

Prior to joining COLDWELL BANKER, Waniewski met the Massachusetts real estate licensing requirements.

Waniewski attended Bryant College and is the former President of the Somers, Connecticut Rotary Club and former chairman of the Somers Zoning Commission. She is a lifelong resident of Somers, Connecticut, and can be reached at (413) 567-8931 or (413) 755-2487.

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NEGLIGENCE & TORT Hiring, Retention And Supervision - Rape - Rehabilitation Facility

The 58 year-old plaintiff entered a rehabilitation facility due to a paralyzing stroke. The summer after she entered the facility, a male nurse who was an employee of the facility allegedly entered the plaintiff's room and raped the plaintiff digitally and sexually assaulted her. The plaintiff was unable to defend herself because of her paralysis.

The plaintiff's claim against the rehabilitation facility was based on negligent hiring, retention, and supervision of the male nurse. The plaintiff was prepared to offer evidence at trial that, prior to the incident, a female nurse had been sexually harassed and sexually assaulted by the plaintiff's assailant and that she had lodged a complaint against him with a supervisor. The plaintiff's perpetrator was allegedly never disciplined or fired for the occurrence.

As a result of the attack, the plaintiff suffered from chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, which caused her to have recurrent memories and flashbacks regarding the assault. The case was settled for the sum of \$350,000 in favor of the plaintiff.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Buying A Home? (Part II Of II)

6. Get professional help. Even though the Internet gives buyers unprecedented access to home listings, it's still a good idea to use an agent. Look for an **exclusive buyer agent**, if possible, who will have your interests at heart and can help you with strategies during the bidding process.

7. Choose carefully between points and rate. When picking a mortgage, you usually have the option of paying additional points — a portion of the interest that you pay at closing — in exchange for a lower interest rate. If you stay in the house for a long time (say, five to seven years or more), it's usually a better deal to take the points. The lower interest rate will save you more in the long run. I can assist you in this area.

8. When househunting, bring your notebook. A notebook is a great and simple tool to jot down reminders, since after you look at a half-dozen or so houses the details begin to blur in your mind.

9. Do your homework before bidding. Your opening bid should be based on the sales trend of similar homes in the neighborhood. So before making it, consider sales of similar homes in the last three months. If homes have recently sold at five percent less than the asking price, you should make a bid that's about eight to 10 percent lower than what the seller is asking.

10. Hire a home inspector. Sure, your lender will require a home appraisal anyway. But that's just the bank's way of determining whether the house is worth the price you've agreed to pay. Separately, you should hire your own home inspector — his or her job will be to point out potential problems that could require costly repairs down the road.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose11@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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For Your Health



Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Youth Sports...

The experience of being involved in school sports is a valuable one. How your child responds to the youth sports experience is very much up to the parents and coach. If he or she is going to come out of the experience with a healthy attitude about sports, he/she needs your help. I was fortunate enough to attend a conference, which included this topic. The outstanding speaker was Dr. Alan Goldberg, I'd like to share some of his information.

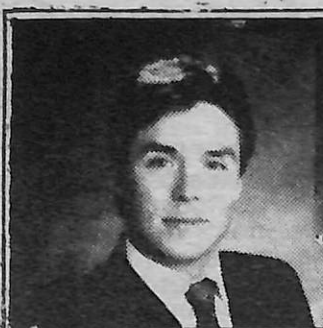
The first guideline Dr. Goldberg suggested was about competitive sports. Your child should never be taught that the other team is the enemy, someone or something to be destroyed. Instead, view him as a partner who challenges you to do your best and to exceed your own expectations. Root for good plays and good performance, not just the win.

Another wonderful reminder Dr. Goldberg shared was to be supportive, do not coach. You need to be your child's best fan. Support, empathize, provide encouragement, transportation, and money, but do not coach. If you think about it, you can see how coaching interferes with your role as parent. He/she gets feedback from the coach after the game. If it was negative, there is no use in doing it all over again at home.

Love your child unconditionally. Do not withdraw emotion for a bad performance. This strategy will only work to ruin your relationship and drive your child away. Your child is not his performance. Be sure he/she knows you will love them no matter what.

Avoiding comparisons and respecting developmental differences is huge. Take a look at one high school class. Everyone there is at very different developmental stages. Respect individuality; we all grew differently and remain this way throughout life. Worrying about how the other kids are doing takes his focus away from himself.

Unfortunately, what we do to our professional athletes frequently trickles down to our kids. We've made them larger than life. We've come to believe they cannot fail or let us down without completely falling from grace. We need to encourage our children to develop a healthy attitude, with realistic expectations about sports and their involvement. Let them have fun, support their every move, respect them, and love them. Let it just be youth sports.



Your Back And Your Health

by **Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer**
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Agawam

Chiropractic Care And Whiplash...

Question: My daughter was recently rear-ended in a multi-car crash. She may have whiplash. Can chiropractic help?

Answer: Has this ever happened to you? You are seated in your car, waiting at a stoplight. Suddenly, you hear a screeching of tires behind you and the harsh sound of metal hitting metal. Before you can brace yourself, you feel your car moving forward from some unseen force; you've been rear-ended.

What happens in these few seconds can have tragic consequences. And what you do about it in the next hours, days, and weeks can forever affect your health.

Most whiplash injuries occur while sitting stationary in your car. Upon impact, your body pushes deeply into your seat. Your head, momentarily isolated by your neck, delays its reaction while your body quickly reaches the limits of your seat.

Then, your body instantly changes directions, moving forward to the limits of your seat belt. Now, your head starts moving backward in the opposite direction. Unrestrained by a seat belt, your head is jerked back and then forward beyond its normal limits.

Everything seems to be happening in slow motion, yet you are unable to stop your head from whipping backward and then forward. First sur-

prise, then anger, then panic.

Don't minimize your own injuries because your car has sustained little or no damage. An immediate chiropractic examination is essential. Pain pills won't heal inflamed tendons and ligaments. Muscle relaxers won't heal torn muscles. A cervical collar won't restore a graceful, forward spinal curve.

Specific chiropractic spinal adjustments, because they can help restore proper motion and position of individual spinal bones, can help assure proper healing. Chiropractic doctors can help you get well.

Here are some other common questions I hear:

Why do I have pain in my arms and hands?

Because the nerves to the arms and hands exit the spine through the injured area of the neck, numbness and tingling are common. Even lower-back pain can result directly from the trauma or as a reaction to the loss of proper spinal curves.

Why did my headaches start more than a week after my accident? Whether you've been in an accident, stressed at work, or overexerted yourself in the garden, your body is constantly adapting to the environment. When your capacity to adapt is exhausted, symptoms can appear. This can take days, weeks, months, or years to occur.

Will I ever be normal again? Many chiropractic patients report an end to their symptoms even after other therapies have failed. Those who delay seeking appropriate care often discover that scar tissue and spinal instability require periodic chiropractic check-ups.

How can I prevent whiplash injuries? Since car accidents are the major cause of acceleration/deceleration injuries, defensive driving skills can help. Be sure your taillights and turn signals are properly working. Allow enough stopping distance in front of you. When you slow down or stop, always check your rear-view mirror to see if the driver behind you is paying attention.

Those in need of examination should call us at the SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE at 789-1369 or 789-1073.

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The Town of Agawam will sponsor the following flu vaccination clinics:

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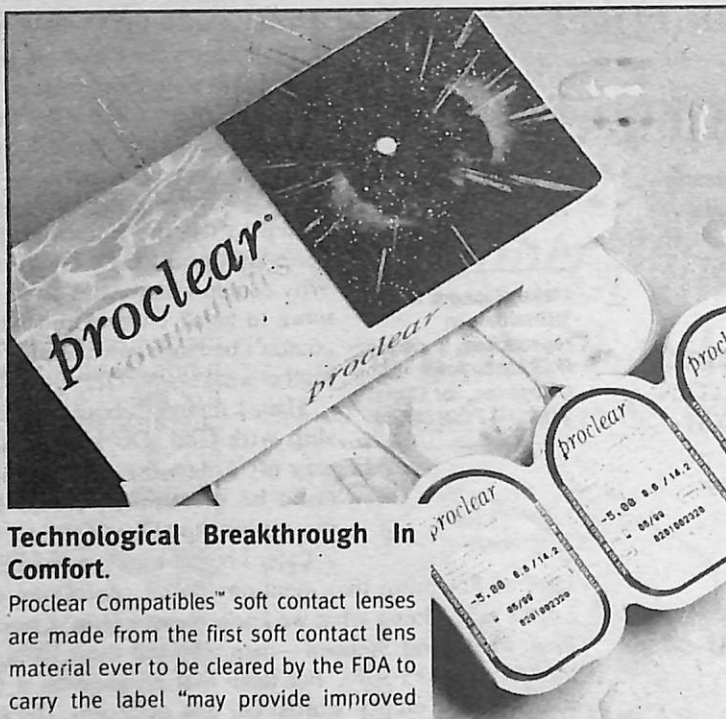
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"Cracking" Your Back

Oftentimes people will ask if it's "okay" to adjust themselves or "crack their own backs." They will say they "crack their backs" by twisting or pulling or contorting their body in one way or another.

In fact, one patient mentioned he was at a seminar and one man adjusted his own neck by twisting it and another man adjusted his low back by stretching out over a series of chairs. Interesting techniques.

The actual noise that is heard when there is an adjustment is due to gases released within the joint. The bones in the spine or vertebrae are attached to each other by the facet joints. The joints are surrounded by fluid. When the joints are separated or opened, the gases within the fluid are released, which results in a cavitation or "popping" sound.

Anybody can create a "popping" sound within the joint. The key is to know which joint to move and which not to. A chiropractor knows when to adjust a joint, and more importantly, when not to.

If you're just gently stretching first in the morning or after sitting for a period of time and hear a gentle "pop" or "crack," that's a gentle release of the joints and usually not a problem. If a person applies force to a joint to move it, that's not a good idea. What is happening is that a joint that's already mobile becomes hypermobile, and the joint that's stuck becomes hypomobile or fixated. A hypermobile joint over a period of time can lead to early degeneration due to the increased mobility.

A dangerous aspect of self-adjusting a neck is that the vertebra-basilar artery runs through the vertebrae to the head. This artery can become torn or damaged if an improper adjustment is applied. As a chiropractor, we rule out any potential problems by assessing patients with a thorough history, examination, and x-rays.

Occasionally a joint will "release" on its own. This should not be a problem if there is not any pain associated with it. However, if you are constantly "cracking" your back, neck, or other joints, there may be a deeper problem that is underlying that should be evaluated by a chiropractor.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your spine, or if you are "cracking up," call our office today. Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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I remember a time when my children were young and my wife was in bed with a stubborn case of the flu. I was trying to fill in for her the best I could, but the kids weren't cooperating. Even though I spent a lot of time playing with them, they seemed determined to fill the house with more noise and mess than I could tolerate. Why couldn't they calm down and do more to help? I wondered why they couldn't be more considerate for their mother's sake—and for my sake?

Then I thought about my relationship with God. Do I treat Him the way my kids were treating me? He must be grieved at times by my insensitivity to His concerns.

Later I began looking up every passage of Scripture that mentions doing something for the Lord's sake, doing what we know pleases Him. I read about Paul, Peter, and Stephen—men who put their lives on the line for Christ's sake. For them that phrase was a way of life, not just empty words. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was even stoned and left for dead because he dared to proclaim the gospel (Acts 14:19).

I wonder how much of what I do and say is for my Lord and Savior's sake? That's a good question for all of us to ponder. —MRDII

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The cross of Christ and do His perfect will;
To love and serve the Lord for Jesus' sake—
You have no higher purpose to fulfill. —Hess

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ARE WE GIVING OUR ALL FOR HIM?

Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Offered By Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, October 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 26th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Jane Martone, D.D.S., will speak about "Dental Care and Diabetes."

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, October 19th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

For additional information about the Crohn's and Colitis Support Group, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Caregivers' Support Group: October 27th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesday of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

Bereavement Group: October 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

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Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, October 21st, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, October 19th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, October 20th and 27th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Women's Health Fair: Sponsored by the Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital. Wednesday, October 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital.

Visit the new Women's Health Center, see diagnostic equipment and exhibits, and receive health-related information. There will also be drawings and prizes; books for sale on women's health; and a free lunch with a lecture by Fielding Johnson III, M.D., "The New Epidemic: Women and Lung Cancer."

Pre-registration for lunch is required. Servings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

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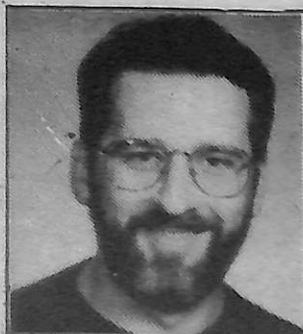


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Family Membership: Is The Cost Of Family Membership Your Very "Self"?

A popular credit card commercial speaks about the "privilege of membership." When you think about what it means for you to be a family member, what comes to mind? Or perhaps, more appropriately, what feelings are felt?

Some of you reading this column may describe family membership as a privilege, an honor and a source of pride. Where respect, love, trust, affection, honesty and communication (to name a few) abound.

Perhaps family and your identification with it, did and still does, provide a pleasing feeling. Memories and desire to be with family bring a smile to your face knowing you are free to live life separately from them, yet remaining connected.

Like myself, many others of you reading this column would, at times, rather heatedly like to cut the membership card into pieces, leaving no evidence of that "privilege." Where the cost of membership meant and may still mean loss-of-self or never really gaining a "self," for the good of the family system.

The power of any family system, whether it be healthy or not, is formidable. The power of the family system lies in the fundamental tenant that it exists to survive. Survival has a cost. And in many families the cost is your "self."

Relationships are learned and passed down through the generations. Forfeiting an "individual sense of self" for the sake of the family is not uncommon. Often this dynamic is achieved subtly and indirectly, but at other times adults directly attempt to "break" a child's individual sense of self in favor of the "collective (family) identity." For example, have you heard the statements, "You'll do it my way or no way!" or "If you are going to remain in this house you will..."?

I realize this notion of attempting to distinguish between what is my individual and family identity is both difficult to wrap your head around and somewhat controversial. Allow me to share a phrase a colleague created to shed light on describing this dynamic of how we come to know our families' sense of identity, which for most of us is our own sense of self identity. He calls this knowing your "familial scent."

The familial scent is knowing your identity as if you can smell or taste who you are while in the presence of your family system. You can smell (sense) your family identity whether you are literally in their presence or simply "feel" their presence while being in relationship with another, even while being geographically distant from the family.

Some people have described this familial (scent) feeling like when they have literally shuddered when hearing themselves say something they swore they'd never say because it reminds them of something unpleasant said to them by a parent or other adult when they were a kid.

We all have a family identity. And we are all given an individual identity as well. How these two are negotiated will, in large part, speak to how healthy a life we can live. Naming this "familial scent" can be a very important process toward forming your answer to: Is the cost of family membership your very "self"?

Please e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449), telephone or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about It."

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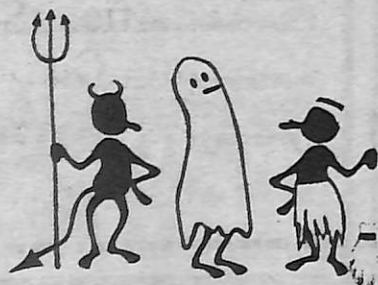
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Meetings offer mothers with babies up to one year-old the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers. General topics include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

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It is set for Thursday, October 21st, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield, with David Starr, publisher, serving as chairman. Lake will address the topic, "American Foreign Policy on the Eve of the Millennium."

After almost a decade of teaching at Amherst and Mount Holyoke Colleges, where he has been Five College Professor of International Relations, he was appointed Clinton's Senior Foreign Policy Advisor in his 1992 campaign. He became National Security Advisor to the President upon his election. Currently on sabbatical leave, he is in the process of writing a book while teaching at Georgetown University.

In advising the President and in coordinating implementation of some of the toughest decisions the United States has made since the end of the Cold War — on such issues as Bosnia, North Korea, Haiti, NATO enlargement, and China — Lake has been known for his advocacy of extending the reach of democracy and open markets around the world.

Throughout his career, he has written and spoken about the need for harnessing American power to the pursuit of both its interests and its ideals. He has worked to use that power to oppose those regimes and organizations in conflict with "democracy's promise of a better, safer world."

Lake joined the State Department in 1962, where he served until 1970 as a Foreign Service Officer and had assignments as U.S. Vice Consul in Saigon and Hue. From 1969 to 1970, he was an aide to Henry Kissinger.

He later worked with the Muskie presidential campaign, the Carnegie Endowment, and International Voluntary Services. He returned to the State Department in 1977 as Director of Policy Planning



ANTHONY LAKE

for President Carter.

Lake is a 1961 graduate from Harvard and then furthered his studies at Cambridge University. He received his PhD from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University in 1974.

He is the author of several books and articles, including *Somoza Falling* and *Our Own Worst Enemy: The Unmaking of American Foreign Policy*.

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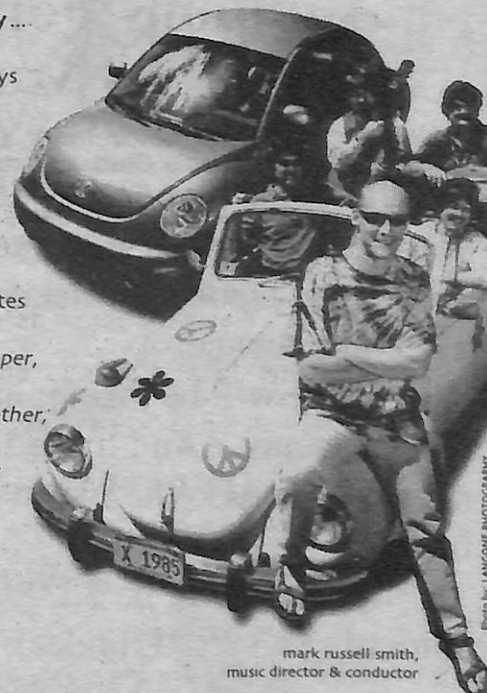
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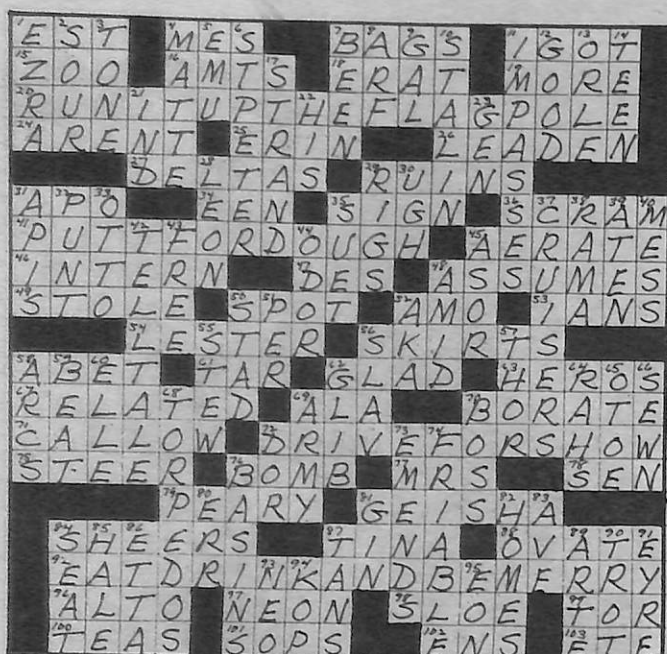
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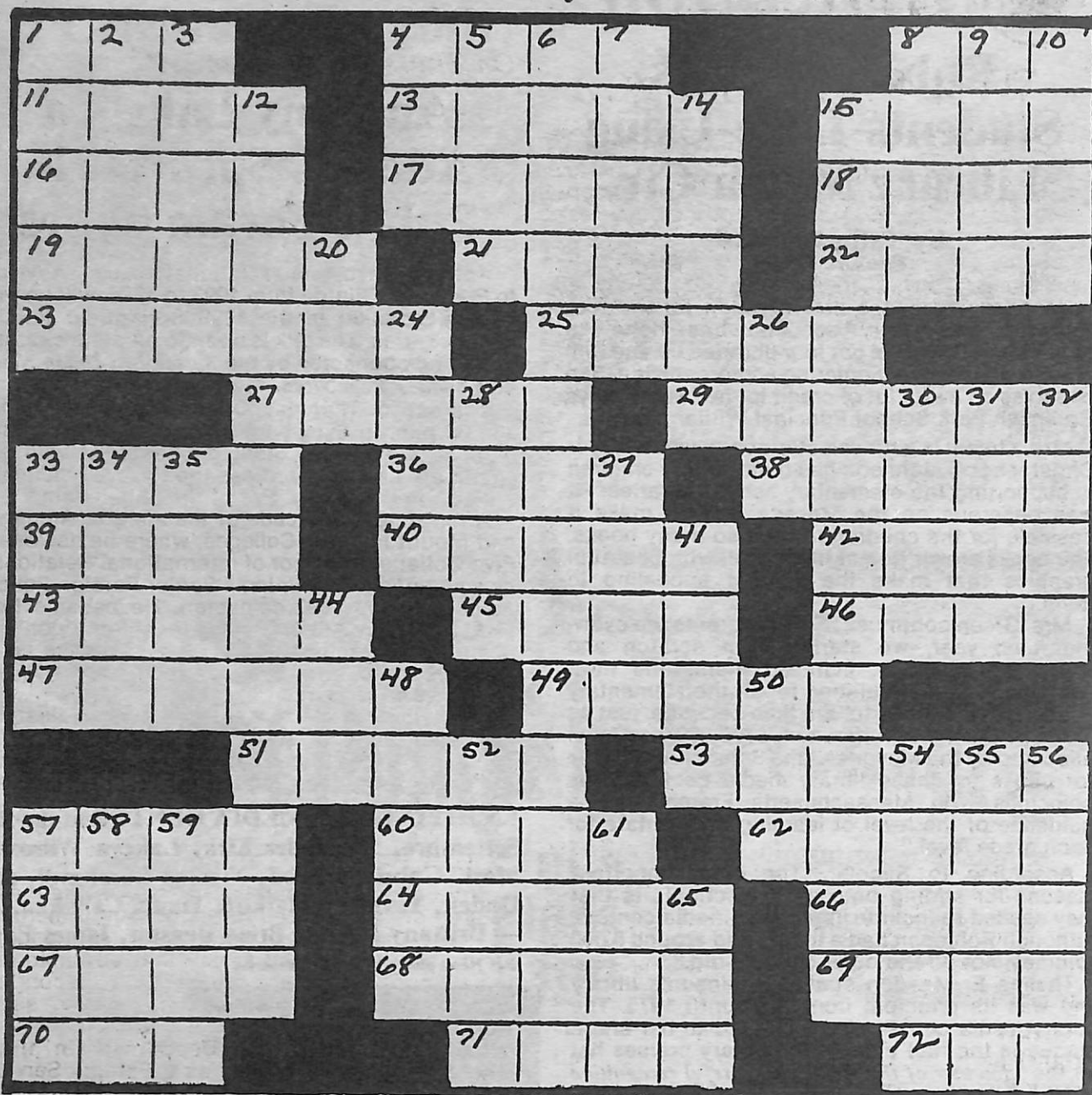
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All auditions will be held at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield. Show dates are March 31st through April 15, 2000.

Everyone age 18 and over is encouraged to audition. Please have a short musical piece prepared, with music for the accompanist if needed.

Should you have any questions, please call the theatre at 572-6838.

(Please note that auditions for the WTG "Evening of One-Acts" originally scheduled for November have been postponed until after the first of the year. Please watch for further information in upcoming releases.)

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Education

Robinson Park Students Love Using Library Media Ctr.

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Jennifer Green, the new librarian for the four Agawam elementary schools, has done "a phenomenal job. She got four libraries up and running, which involved ordering and organizing. She deserves an awful lot of credit for her work," says Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli.

Mrs. Green is enthusiastic about what Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has done for the children in supporting the elementary school libraries. "It was generous on the Mayor's part to make it possible for the children to have so many books. The books are written at their level, with beautiful graphics that make the content appealing to them."

Mrs. Green continues, "The programs are evolving. Last year, we started from scratch and ordered furnishings, installed them, and have been setting up circulation for all the elementary schools. This is a fortunate time because, just as we have changed curriculum, \$100,000 has been allocated by the Mayor and the School Committee for books for these library media centers. This coincides with Massachusetts Frameworks, a guideline of the level of learning appropriate for each grade level."

According to Sapelli, "The most important reasons for adding onto all the schools is that they needed to include library and media centers. Although Robinson had a library and around 5,000 volumes, not all the other schools did."

Thelma E. Meadon started Robinson's library and was its principal from 1963 until 1975. The library media center was dedicated to her and a plaque in the hall outside the library praises her as the "founder of this library in grateful recognition of her generosity and endeavors to enrich our children's lives through books."

From 1975 to around 1987, Carol Brennan was the reading teacher who volunteered to be the librarian. Then, Linda Orr became the librarian in 1989 and continued in this voluntary position through part of 1999. She was also the reading teacher.

The library continued to grow, according to Mrs. Orr. "Mr. Sapelli really pushed to keep the library growing, and it got to the point that I needed help to cover both library responsibilities and teaching reading. I went to the PTO and parents would come in, help the children take out books, and helped in the repair and cataloging of the books. Proceeds From Fair To Help Robinson's Library..."

The PTO decided that all proceeds from their annual fair would go to Robinson's library. "They helped us enormously to grow," says Mrs. Orr. The new library opened in September of 1998 and a librarian and an aide were hired. "Our PTO helped move things over to the library and to inventory everything," Mrs. Orr adds.

Barbara Skolnick, who was Robinson Park principal from 1975 to 1990, also promoted the library, as did the PTO. Robinson Park and James Clark Schools each got extra space built specifically designated for libraries. At Granger School, two classrooms were converted into a formal library, and at Phelps School, the former cafeteria was converted into a library and a new cafeteria was built.

Robinson's annex was made not only for the library and media center, but also to accommodate three kindergarten rooms, a reading room, and a guidance counseling room.

Each school has a bank of computers. According to Mrs. Green, the modern-day equivalent to card catalogues would be O.P.E.C. (On-line Public Access). Third- and fourth-grade students are being trained on this system now. On-line Public Access does not refer to Internet access, but rather to a referencing system, she said.

A key word is entered into the computer and the computer displays the names of books related to that topic. Mrs. Green plans to introduce second-grade students to this system in late winter. Robinson School has about 6,500 volumes now, offering a variety of reference materials, pleasure reading and curriculum materials, magazines, and paperbacks.

According to Mrs. Green, "The needs of non-readers all the way to readers with very competent skills will be met. We will be able to meet the needs of many grade level competencies and will have a wide variety of reading materials, appealing to just about everybody."

"The children love to be in the library. The students are always sharing the books with their peers, and I think the added space and furnishings help make an atmosphere that helps them enjoy learning," Mrs. Green concluded.



ENJOYING THE MEDIA CENTER at the Robinson Park School library: front row — Nika Settembre, Alexander Kirk, Lakeya Wilson, and Michael Perrot; second row — Marissa Masi, Gabriella Leon, Nicolas Lombardi, and Daniel Gerasimchuk; third row — Jennifer Dudek, Yevgeniy Markov, Tiama Callahan, Amy Goff, and Nicholas Vecchiarelli; back row — Brittany Luvera, Brian Benson, James Epps, Michael Morris, and Emily Bouthiller. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SEATED ON THE FLOOR AROUND MRS. ASPDEN in Robinson Park School's library are Marissa Masi, Michael Perrot, and Jennifer Dudek. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO PLACE A RULER to mark the spot where a selected book came from are Jennifer Dudek, Brittany Luvera, and Nika Settembre. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Dressing Down"...



STAFF MEMBERS at Agawam Junior High School held a "dressing down" day to raise money for breast cancer research. Each month, the "dressing down" day will benefit a different charity. Back row: Tim Ryan and Marc Costanzi. Front row: Barbara Brizzolari and Frances Anthony. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MONICA AND MARC BALBONI

Marc Balboni Graduates From Westfield State College

Marc Balboni recently received a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College. A graduate of Suffield Academy in Suffield, Connecticut, he is the grandson of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of Agawam and the late Mr. Balboni.

Marc's future plans include a trip to Japan with his twin sister, Monica, a recent graduate of Boston College. They will visit their sister, Andrea, a Mount Holyoke College graduate who is currently teaching in Japan.

Marc is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield.

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Spfld. Christian School Celebrates Its 20th

Springfield Christian School, 627 State St., just celebrated an anniversary of 20 years. Mr. Tom Schnepf of Agawam is the school's principal.

S.C.S. has 158 students enrolled from kindergarten through 12th grade this year. There are 29 students attending from Agawam and Feeding Hills.

The school is still in the process of accepting applications.

Warning Slips Issued At Ag. High School

Agawam High School warning slips were issued on Friday, October 8th.

Please consult with your son or daughter in regard to the warning slips. If need be, contact your child's guidance counselor at 821-0527.

For Agawam Public Schools...

Professional Development Day On Fri., Oct. 29th

On Friday, October 29th, the Agawam Public School will conduct a full day of professional development for all PreK-12 staff.

Consequently, schools will not be in session on that day, since teachers will spend the entire day attending various workshops and training sessions.

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DAN LIZOTTE AND MEREDITH GOLDBACH were recently recognized as "Physical Education Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 18th: Deli-sliced turkey sandwich in roll with mayonnaise, seasoned french fries with catsup, niblet corn, chilled diced pears with cherries, milk.

Tuesday, October 19th: Steamed frankfurt in roll, Boston baked beans, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and ranch dressing, pineapple tidbits or chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Wednesday, October 20th: Meatball sandwich in roll with cheese, buttered macaroni, seasoned green beans, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, October 21st: Baked macaroni with cheddar cheese sauce, Vienna bread and butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, chocolate oatmeal bar or peaches in syrup, milk.

Friday, October 22nd: Taco boat with cheese topping and mild taco sauce, rosy applesauce, seasoned niblet corn, ice cream sundae cup, milk.

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Guidance Bulletin From Agawam High

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

The Henry David Thoreau College Scholarships: Open to Massachusetts high school seniors with plans to pursue an interest in an environmental field. Deadline: February 1, 2000.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who attend that college.

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Open Houses: The following colleges are hosting Open Houses:

Lyndon State College: November 11th or December 11th; Bryant College, October 17th; College of New Rochelle, November 14th; Elms College, October 31st, November 14th; Becker College, October 16th, October 30th; Skidmore College, October 11th, November 8th; New York State Ranger School, October 11th; University of Rochester, October 24th; American International College, October 31st; Sage Junior College, November 9th; Fitchburg State College, October 24th, November 20th; College of St. Joseph, October 17th, November 7th.

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LORI BRYSKIEWICZ

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Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Bryskiewicz, who attends the University of Tampa, was nominated for this national award by Susan Brinkley, PhD. Consequently, her name will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

A former resident of Agawam, Bryskiewicz is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School. She is the daughter of Linda and Dick Bryskiewicz of Tampa.

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Noted Art Students...



MICHELLE CADIEUX (grade seven - left) and LIANNE CASTELLANOS (grade eight - right) were recently named "Art Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

From AHS Guidance Department...

Warnings

by Judy Cohen

Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Yes, it's that time of year again when you hear the door quietly close, followed by the sound of feet quickly going up the stairs. Or, your youngster comes home, greets you with a weird smile, and is exceptionally nice to you. Yup, it's warning time.

Warnings! Just the word sends chills through a parent. He must be failing, what did we do wrong, will he ever graduate? Well, take a deep breath. The sky is not falling and Billy still has the chance of doing very well.

First, elicit from your child the warnings. If they are not forthcoming and you feel they should be, please call your child's school. Counselors will be able to access them for you. Next, have a talk with your youngster ... a talk, not a screaming match. As soon as you start screaming, your child will stop hearing you. It's amazing, but the louder you speak, the less that is heard.

Find out the reasons behind the warnings. Listen carefully, but realize, too, that you are just getting one side of the story, a side that will try to exonerate your son/daughter. Don't waste your breath saying, "Unless you shape up, you'll never get into college; you'll never graduate from high school; you'll stay back!" He/she knows that. Instead, simply inform your youngster that there will be a supervised homework time when phone calls will not be accepted, radios will not be blared, and televisions will not be watched.

Ask your child to keep an assignment book. Each night, check to make sure all assignments are being done. If homework is not being done, your child will not be able to reinforce what he has been learning in class or to prepare for the next day's class.

Call the school to set up progress reports. Relate to your brooding youngster that these reports are not a punishment; rather, they will let you both know what is happening in class. When they are all good, they will be stopped. If you wish, you may also set up appointments with teachers. Make sure your child is present at the appointments. After all, it is about him/her. It's amazing, but with the student and teacher present, a really true picture of the difficulty emerges.

By taking an active role in dealing with your child's warnings, you are sending him/her the message that you really care. You are saying in effect, "Together, we will deal with this. I am here to help you."

And we, as counselors, are here to help you, too. So do call us. Remember, warnings are just that ... warnings. They warn you and your child that there is a problem. However, warnings do not mean the problem is irreversible, and therein lies their beauty. There is still time to improve! Let us all work together to see that this happens.

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Sports

Football Vs Minnechaug Regional...

Brownies Visit Wilbraham And Take 42-35 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In a game that would have made an offensive coordinator's day and a defensive coordinator reach for the Maalox, Agawam High beat Minnechaug Regional last Saturday afternoon, 42-35, in an AA football battle down in Wilbraham.

The Brownies came in at 2-1 (1-0 AA) and left at 3-1 and 2-0 as the locals have suddenly put themselves into a contender's role, something not seen in a few years. The Falcons showed up at 2-1 and 0-1 in the AA and went to 2-2 and 0-2.

Both clubs toted some incentive with them. Agawam had beaten Chicopee Comp, 22-14, a week earlier in an emotional game. Minnechaug had fallen to Cathedral, 28-14. One club was looking to stay well. The other was hoping to get well again.

Possibility For Some Brilliant Performances

Folks who know something about football should have known there was a possibility in this one for some brilliant performances. They were not disappointed. Agawam's option quarterback, senior Brian St. Jean, an All-Western Mass. second team selection on defense last year, came into the game with three TDs and 213 yards rushing on 29 attempts (7.3 YPC). He had also aired it out for 389 yards passing, three TDs, 18 completions (21.6) on 44 tries in his three previous contests.

Matt Livermore, a 1998 All-Western Mass. first team selection on defense for the Falcons, entered the game as a running back, with a total of 540 yards on 58 carries (9.3 YPC) and four TDs in three games.

No sooner could you say "barn burner," than the barn began to burn. Livermore, a six-foot, 185-pound bruiser out of the "I" formation, got the hosts on the board first with a six-yard score early in the first quarter.

The senior (five TDs/266 yards/29 carries) did it again in the first quarter on a 56-yard effort and the Falcons seemed comfortably in control.

But at 14-0, you can never be comfortable against the option offense, especially when one as skilled as St. Jean is at the controls. "We constructed this offense for Brian because he has the ability to both run and pass," Brownie Coach Tad Desautels noted afterwards.

The senior didn't let the faithful down. With six minutes gone in the quarter, he scored on a 45-yard run that started off with some big time blocking by his offensive line, including center Jon Archambault, Ryan Malanson, and Brian Pedersen.

The first quarter ended with Minnechaug up, 14-7.

Each team scored in the second quarter as well. Livermore gave his club a 21-7 lead on a nine-yard run midway through. St. Jean (77 yards, 8-11, 1 TD) then hit junior tight end Lou Conte with an eight-yard scoring strike on a short out route. St. Jean's kick saw the score stand at 21-14 when the horn sounded.

A little slight of hand evened the score at 21 in the third quarter when Scott Harlin, usually the wide out, passed the ball to Dave Moore for a three-yard TD.

St. Jean, still in control with the option running at full bore, gave Agawam its first lead of the game midway through the third quarter on a 66-yard run to paydirt. With the Brownies up 28-21,

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COACH PAUL BACHINI (third from the left), coach of the varsity golf team at Agawam High School, with the senior players on this season's team (from left to right): Jason Rosenberg, Brian Chechile, Ryan Morgan, Bob Woods, and Shawn Biebel (captain). Advertiser

News photo by Dave Rollins.

Schoolboy Golf...

AHS's 15-3 Trouncing Over Sci-Tech Secures A Spot In WMass. Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High varsity golf Coach Paul Bachini accomplished two goals this past Tuesday afternoon by virtue of his team's 15-3 romp over Springfield Sci-Tech at Veteran's Golf Club.

First, the locals reached the 10-win plateau to give them a berth in the Western Mass. Tournament for the ninth straight year (AHS is 10-5 at presstime).

"It is the ninth straight year we've made it to the tournament and that's quite an accomplishment," said Bachini.

Second, Bachini had an opportunity to see some kids who don't play in many matches receive some valuable match competition.

"Yeah, that was my plan for this one. I gave my starters a rest because Sci-Tech isn't all that tough and the kids we did bring along deserved a look-see," said Bachini.

Of the six AHS golfers who faced the Cyber Cats, four had no varsity experience. And another had played a varsity match only once. Sophomore Tom Montagna, who had that one match ex-

perience, went off at number one but had a bit of trouble, losing 2½ points.

Sophomore Adam D'Amario won three points from the number two spot. Sophomore Rob Cullen at number three won his match and took three points as well.

Another sophomore, Andy Korney, was the team's number four golfer. He grabbed 2½ points. The fifth spot was occupied by freshman Ben Crum. He did well, winning his match and added three more points to the Brownies' tally.

Also, freshman Ryan Zaczynski went from the sixth hole and picked up three points with a win. Zaczynski shot a four over par 40 and was the medalist in the match.

"Ryan did well on a course he'd never played before," Bachini noted.

When it was over, Bachini was pleased with the way things went. "We've still got some time until the Western Mass. Tournament and we'll be looking closely at everyone before we put together a team which will represent us there," he said.

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Schoolboy Golf...

AHS's Win Over 'Hamp Brings Them Closer To Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon (October 8th), the Agawam High golf team came a step closer to a Western Mass. Tournament berth with a 12½-5½ win over Northampton. Their record went to 9-5. One more victory would mean they'd be playing in the post-season.

The Brownies are not quite the powerhouse of past years, but they are still a force. "We'd hoped to play somewhat of a spoiler's role this season, and to a point we have," Coach Paul Bachini said.

Minnechaug Regional, South Hadley, and East Longmeadow are the current frontrunners. The Brownies will play at South Hadley on Monday, October 18th, and will host Minnechaug on Wednesday, October 20th, to close out their regular season. They've lost to both teams this year in close contests. "Our confidence is high. We could take one or both of those matches," the coach observed.

The Northampton win helped their confidence. Shawn Biebel played at number one and fired a four-over 39 at the Agawam Municipal Golf Club to take two points.

"The wind can play tricks here. Last week against East Longmeadow (Agawam lost 9½-8½), it was at the players' backs. This time it was in their faces, which made club selection very difficult, especially on the two par fives, one and four. So I'm satisfied with Shawn's score," Bachini said.

Bill Menard was the number two guy on this day. The sophomore continues to impress, shooting a 39 for 2½ points.

Junior Andy Green went out of the number three hole and managed a 41. His Blue Devils opponent fired a 51, so Green had little trouble winning three points. "The wind had something to do with Green's score. Last week, he shot a two-over 37 against East Longmeadow," Bachini pointed out.

Senior Ryan Morgan had a tough day out of the four spot with a 43. His Spartan opponent, Nate Richi, managed a 38. Morgan was somewhat of a prognosticator when it came to his match. "Watch, I'll probably end up getting the medalist." (He did when Richi fired his 38.)

Sophomore Adam D'Amario shot a solid 40 to grab 2½ points. "Adam is playing well since we put him in the lineup," the coach noted.

The sixth Brownie was junior Kacy Progulski, who came in with a 43 for 2½ points. "We needed some good shooting from Adam and Kacy to take the match," Bachini admitted.

At presstime, Agawam is facing a tough string of matches — five straight on the road. Winless Sci-Tech will be first up. A victory over the Cyber Cats will give the Brownies their 10th win and another in a string of tournament berths.

"Right now, we'll be looking for kids who can step up and play their best, even some who might not play in every match. Those players will figure into our performance in the Western Mass. playoffs. So anyone who shoots well will get consideration over the final two weeks of the regular season," he noted.

The Division I Tournament will be held on Monday, October 25th, at the beautiful Crumpin-Fox Club in Bernardston.

Jr. High Pool Is Open To Residents On Friday Evenings

The Agawam Junior High School Pool is open to Agawam residents on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for public swims.

Admission fees are \$2 for children and adults age six and older and \$1 per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices and disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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it was Minnechaug looking to get back on top.

Livermore did just that on a two-yard run to open the final 12 minutes. His two-point conversion made it 28-all. Not to be outdone, St. Jean answered, this time on a 46-yard TD jaunt. A failed two-point conversion saw it 34-28, Agawam.

When you play in front of the home folks, it seems you always dig a little deeper. The Falcons did just that. Livermore outdistanced St. Jean by two yards with a 48-yard TD run. The two-point attempt didn't work. But Minnechaug had the lead, albeit a slim one, 35-34 with 7:45 left in the game.

Another Crack At The Ball For The Locals

The Brownies then had another crack at the ball from their own 13-yard line with 7:40 to go. The 87-yard drive erased 6:08 from the clock and took 16 plays. There could have been a fly in the ointment, however.

The Agawam march almost ended early on its own 37 with 5:25 left. However, Desautels had a notion St. Jean could pull another rabbit out of his helmet. "He wanted it. So we gave him the green light," the coach smiled.

St. Jean ran for four after a look downfield for an open receiver. Then, five plays later, it was third and nine at the Falcons' 47. This time, Harlin (four catches/57 yards) was 11 yards downfield at the Falcons' 36.

Agawam worked the ball to Minnechaug's 11-yard line and St. Jean, again exercising the option, turned it up and scored the go-ahead TD. The two-point pass from St. Jean to Harlin insured the Brownies' win.

The resurgent Brownies face AA Conference foe Holyoke, always a thorn in their side, on Friday night at Harmon Smith Field. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

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To Senior Linebacker/Fullback Vic Romano, Brownies Are Looking Good

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the hardest hitters on the Agawam High football team is senior Vic Romano. He is one of the reasons why the Brownies are off to a 3-1 start and face another big AA Conference test on Friday evening at Harmon Smith Field vs. Holyoke High.

Recently, the linebacker/fullback took some time to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Vic is 17 years-old. His birthday falls on February 25th. He stands at 6'1" and weighs in at 170 pounds.

He has spent all four years of his higher education at AHS. Currently, his course load includes AP biology, international foods, desktop publishing, psychology, and gym. Psychology is his favorite course, and instructor Edward Merrill is his top teacher.

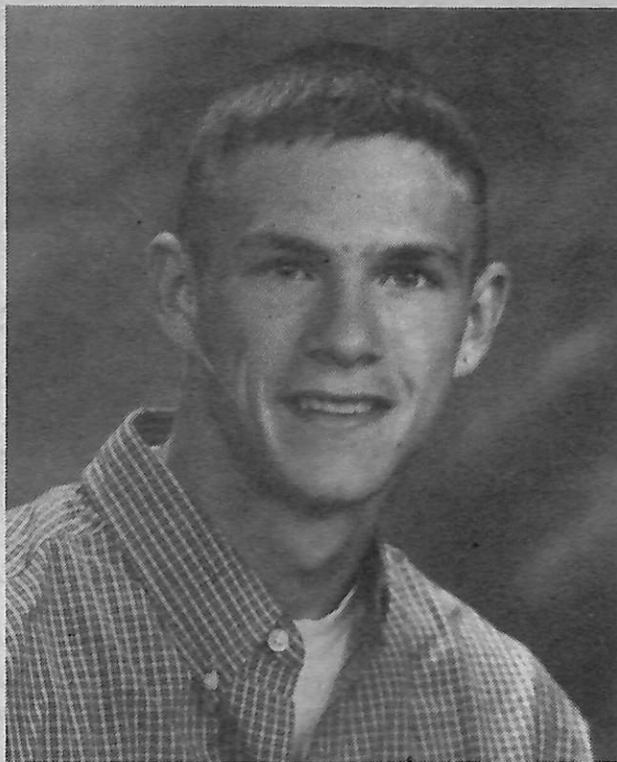
Vic plans to attend New Hampshire College in Manchester, NH next fall. He'll major in culinary arts. Some day, Vic says, he'd like to be the proprietor of his own restaurant.

Vic's sport right now is football. However, he will try out for basketball after Thanksgiving and volleyball next spring. He has been playing football since the fourth grade. His most memorable sports moment came in his freshman year.

"We went 9-0. In our last game against Chicopee Comp, we came from behind to win and preserve our unbeaten season," he recalled.

Football Team Looking Good

His take on this year's football team: "We could just as easily be 4-0 right now. We had our chances in the loss to Longmeadow (in



VIC ROMANO

September)."

Vic feels new Coach Tad Desautels brings a high-energy style of coaching defense to the team. "Since I play mostly defense, it suits me well," he told us.

Vic's favorite food is pasta made any way.

Red is his color of choice.

A Lincoln suburban utility vehicle would be his car of choice.

Former Auburn University and Oakland Raiders star Bo Jackson is his top jock. The San Francisco 49'ers are his top team.

When Vic wants to hang out, he says there is no better place than his house.

Warm-ups and occasional dress-up duds suit his style in clothes. He usually shops at Champs.

He likes classic rock. Boyz II Men is a favorite group of Vic's.

"Family Guy" is tops on the tube for Vic. He has no favorite movie.

Lisa is his mom. Ben is his dad. He has a brother, Tony (10), who graduated from AHS last June.

His mom, Lisa, is the person he admires most. "She has always been there for me," he said.

When his days as a Brownie are done, Vic wants to be remembered this way: "I hope people will think of me pretty much as a nice guy."

Coach Tad Desautels said this of his senior linebacker: "Victor is very intense and is a hard worker. He fits right in with the style of defense we are trying to instill in this football program."

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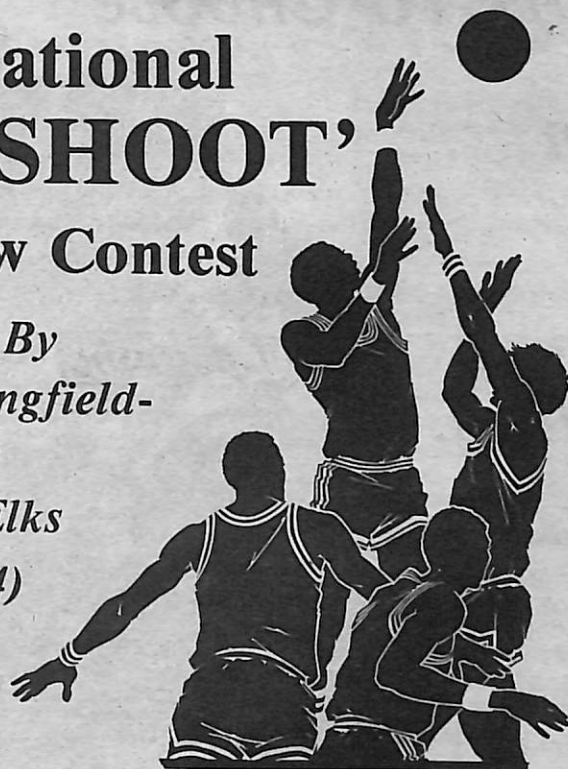
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Girls' Soccer Vs E. Longmeadow...

AHS Loses A Heartbreaker, 1-0 To The Spartans

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Sometimes the offense shows up for the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team. And sometimes it just doesn't, leaving the defense to man the ramparts.

Of course, if you don't score, you can't win. Obviously, the best you can do is come away with a tie - a situation that does not satisfy anyone.

After a very good game a week ago last Tuesday that saw them beat Central 3-1, they lost to undefeated Ludlow, 4-0, and fell in a heartbreaker against league foe East Longmeadow 1-0 last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field to bring their record to 3-7-1 and 1-1-1 in the Kurty Division. The only score came with 10:10 left in the first half off a Spartan header, despite some tough 'D' by the Brownies, led by sweeper Sheri Benton, fullback Amanda Blair, midfielder Amanda Tilden, and keeper Laura Bucalo.

But East Longmeadow was also working hard on defense, pushing back Agawam's forwards and midfielders away from the 18-yard line. It had to be frustrating for a team that had but 13 goals in 11 games.

Defense The Order Of The Day

Since defense has to be the order of the day for the team, Bucalo, a junior, is filling that bill quite well. With 8:18 to play in the half, the junior made a big save off a free kick.

She would continue to play well in her net, tracking down six Spartan shots in the first half and five in the second 40 minutes, including a heart-stopper off a breakaway with four minutes left to play.

Agawam Coach Laura Wray admitted that the play was physical and that is the way she'd like to see them perform in their final six games of the season.

Wins against remaining Kurty Division foes - Westfield, Minnechaug, and East Longmeadow - plus the possibility of running the table, might get them into the playoff picture. They had an independent date vs. defending Western Mass. and state champ Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon over in Springfield.

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A GROUP OF HAPPY BROWNIES following their recent 3-1 soccer win over Central (from left to right): Diana DiStefano, Jen Lyman, Laura Bucalo, Courtney Adamczyk, and Amanda Tilden. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

Brownies Win One, Lose One Last Week

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity girls' soccer team lost one and won one last week to see their 1999 record go to 8-3.

The good news came last Friday, October 8th, when the JV's posted a solid, 3-0 victory over East Longmeadow at Harmon Smith Field. All eight victories for the JV's this season have been of the shutout variety.

The bad news came two days earlier over in Ludlow when the JV's were again pasted by the undefeated JV Lady Lions, 5-2. Through 11 games at presstime, the JV's have allowed just 14 goals in 11 games and the Lady Lions have 10 of those goals.

Against ELM, sophomore striker Jill Lawson scored her fifth goal of the campaign midway through the first half for the eventual game-winner. The goal came when Lawson weaved just into the left side of the box, turned and fired a left-footer into the upper corner.

The locals led 1-0 at the break despite holding a wide territorial edge. The second half saw more of the same, although ELM had a few good opportunities on freshman goalie Vicky Taylor, who slammed the door and put the goose egg on ELM.

AHS scored twice in the second half on plays began by freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella and finished by sophomore midfielder Angelina Cortese (third goal) and sophomore striker Erin Gloster (2nd goal). Freshman stopper Danielle Cirillo turned in another fine performance, as did sophomore midfielder Jess Newalu, freshman fullback Tricia Fitchben, junior sweeper Laura Kida, and sophomore fullback Lucy Young.

Against Ludlow, the JV's actually outplayed the Lady Lions in the first half. Despite getting stung by an early goal, AHS took the play deep into the Ludlow end and led 2-1. Jill Lawson and Angelina Cortese each scored, receiving assists from Jessica Newalu and Danielle Cirillo, respectively.

Ludlow tied it a 2-2 late in the half. AHS came out strong early in the half and missed a few opportunities before Ludlow came roaring back with two breakaway goals and a fifth goal late in the game as they barraged the Brownies' end for the final 25 minutes.

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Boys' Soccer Vs West Springfield...

Brownies Lose, 1-0, To The Visiting Terriers...

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Nothing causes an Agawam High team, in any sport, more consternation than to lose to a team from West Springfield High.

So it was this past Tuesday evening at Harmon Smith Field when the visiting Terriers defeated the struggling Brownies, 1-0 in boys' soccer.

The Smith Division contest was a costly one for AHS as it fell to 3-7-1 overall and 2-2 in the division. West Side rose to 2-2 in the division and 5-3-2 overall.

The injury on the field was no greater in this one than the insult in the stands as a raucous legion of West Side fans showed up, en masse. Some were slathered in Terriers' blue and white. Others had draped themselves with blue and white crepe paper.

Others carried signs asking, for example, "What Is A Brownie" while another was scrawled with some vague scripture from the Bible. Two of them were even dressed up in Terrier suits, one male and one female.

Believe it. These two obnoxious characters had a field day doing their cocky walk back and forth in front of the Brownie faithful.

After AHS Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney managed to confiscate the signs and herded the West Side hordes into a screaming mob in the stands, the attention (or most of it) turned to the field.

AHS came out like it dearly wanted to stick a soccer ball into those collective mouths. The initial attack was led by midfielder Barry Ward, striker Brian Lopes, fullback Brad Theriaque, and midfielder Eric Serna. They were met with lots of contact courtesy of the visitors and throughout the game, both teams used the body with abandon.

AHS Forced To Play Tough Defense

The Terriers came right back forcing AHS to play some tough defense of its own, which was supplied by sweeper Mike Carmody, along with Theriaque and Ward.

Eleven minutes in, AHS had its first good scoring opportunity. Serna had the ball midway in the West Side zone. The sophomore laid off a pinpoint pass to Ward on the left wing. The senior captain then passed the ball across the penalty area to senior captain Jack Pearson. He had the left side of the Terriers' net all to himself.

However, his shot just missed, a foot wide of the left post.

Throughout most of the first half, AHS showed some good passing skills, but at times had trouble setting up shots because the Terriers' defense seemed to toughen up the deeper the Brownies penetrated.

With 14:30 to go, both teams had about a 50-50 split in the time spent in the other's zone.

Ward had an opportunity with 11:09 left. But his header in the crease, off Josh Dickman's lob pass, just sailed a foot over the Terriers' net.

After that, both teams settled down to midfield soccer and it was goose eggs when the horn blew. Agawam had two shots on the Terriers' net. West Side checked in with four.

Offense Needed To Be Stepped Up

It was obvious both teams would have to step up their offense in the second half if they wanted bragging rights in this one. Some of that offense for West Side came with 2:02 gone.

Senior forward Adriano Costentini broke in on the left side and launched. Agawam junior keeper John DeCaro, who had more than his share of outstanding saves, reacted to the ball which was headed towards the upper left-corner. He deflected it across the crease. West Side had another shot there but it flew just by the left post.

Another heads-up defensive gem came three minutes later. The Terriers were on the attack. DeCaro had to come out 20 feet to cut down the angle on a shot he knew was about to come his way. DeCaro went down. The ball squirted behind him and looked to be a sure West Side goal.

However, Matt Quirk managed to dart into the vacated goalmouth and make the clear inches before the ball was about to scoot over the goal line.

The Brownies couldn't sustain any consistent offense going to the 32:20 mark, which meant more pressure on the defense. Mike Crough, Carmody, and Theriaque stepped up in that department, stopping a hard rush on the left wing.

DeCaro made another inspired save with 13:58 gone on a left-to-right cross which was heading through the crease.

Agawam managed some offense with 23:02 to go as Lopes, hustling as always, managed a breakaway down the left wing. West Side keeper Kevin Atkin, anticipating that he was in serious trouble, came out about 70 feet to tackle the ball and Lopes to stop the threat.

After some midfield soccer, DeCaro came up with another save — this his most spectacular of the evening. West Side's Dave Roberts accepted a pass about 20 yards out (left) and had just about any part of the goal he wanted.

The shot hooked towards the upper right-corner. DeCaro went into a full parallel stretch and snagged the rocket. With 6:41 left, West Side was putting DeCaro under seige again. Peter Fager came in alone on the left crease and shot. DeCaro robbed him blind with a mixture of quickness and anticipation.

It Had To Happen

It had to happen. West Side's attack was relentless and the Brownies' defense was being stretched and stretched. It snapped with 2:54 left from the right point, dead-on, and DeCaro had no chance to stop the volley. West Side led 1-0 and that was that.

Brownie Coach Glenn Olson explained what happened. "The kids just got tired. When that hap-

pens, you tend to fall back to your old ways of playing."

Olson said he wasn't disappointed by the loss, noting his team would use it as a learning experience. "Our kids played well. But they have to learn that you have to play well for 80 minutes, not 75 (minutes)."

Olson gave many props to DeCaro, adding, "John always plays well. The best thing for us is that John will be back next season."

JV NEWS:

The junior varsity Brownies defeated West Side, 2-1. Scorers for the locals were Brian Knight and Matt Ligenza. Matt Rovithis got an assist.

AHS had two shots in each half while the Terriers had nine in the second half for a game total of 11.

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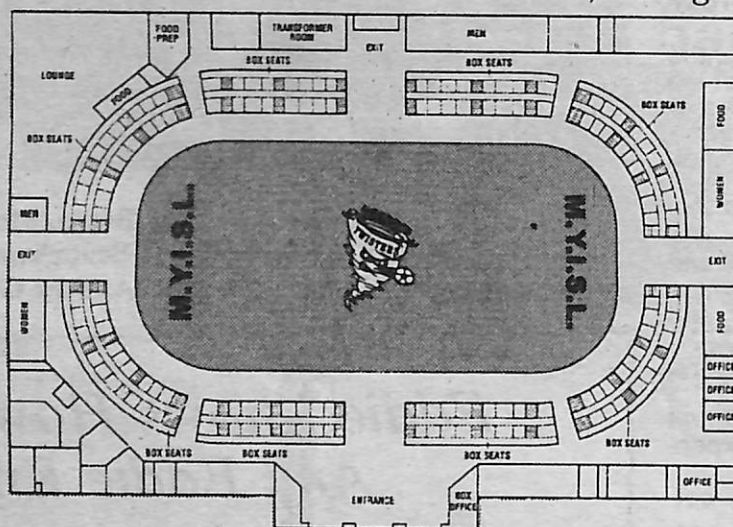
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The ASA would like to invite ALL interested soccer aficionados to the annual Soccer Appreciation Night at the Agawam Turnverein. The night will feature great music, lively discussion, many door prizes, dancing, and the fabulously tasty Turnverein smorgasbord.

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Each team will receive one vote for each position on the board. All positions are on the ballot.

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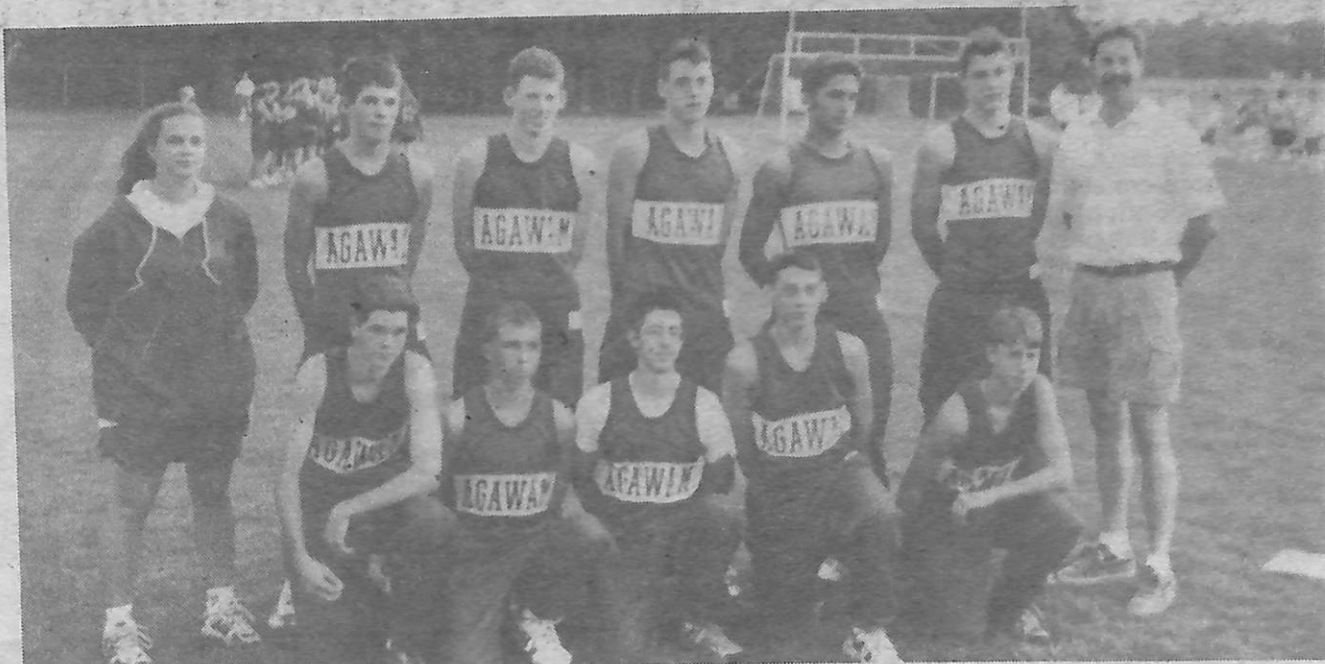
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AHS's Junior Varsity Cheerleaders...



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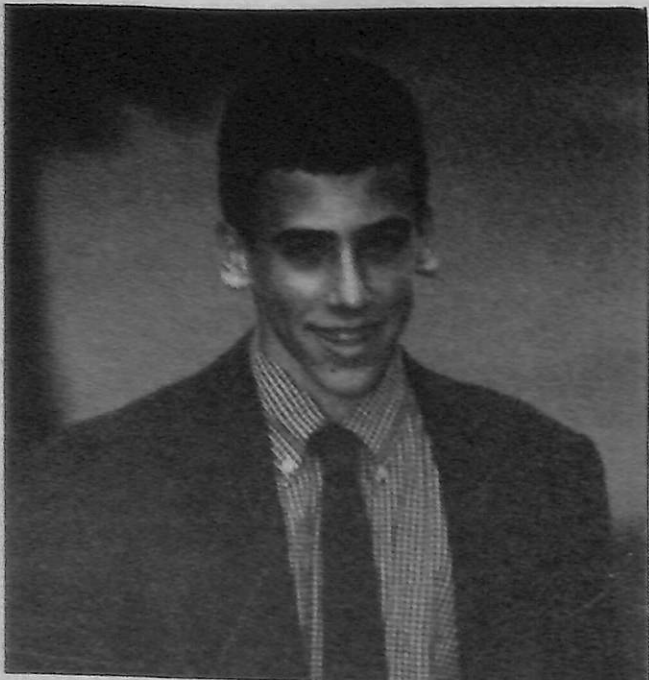
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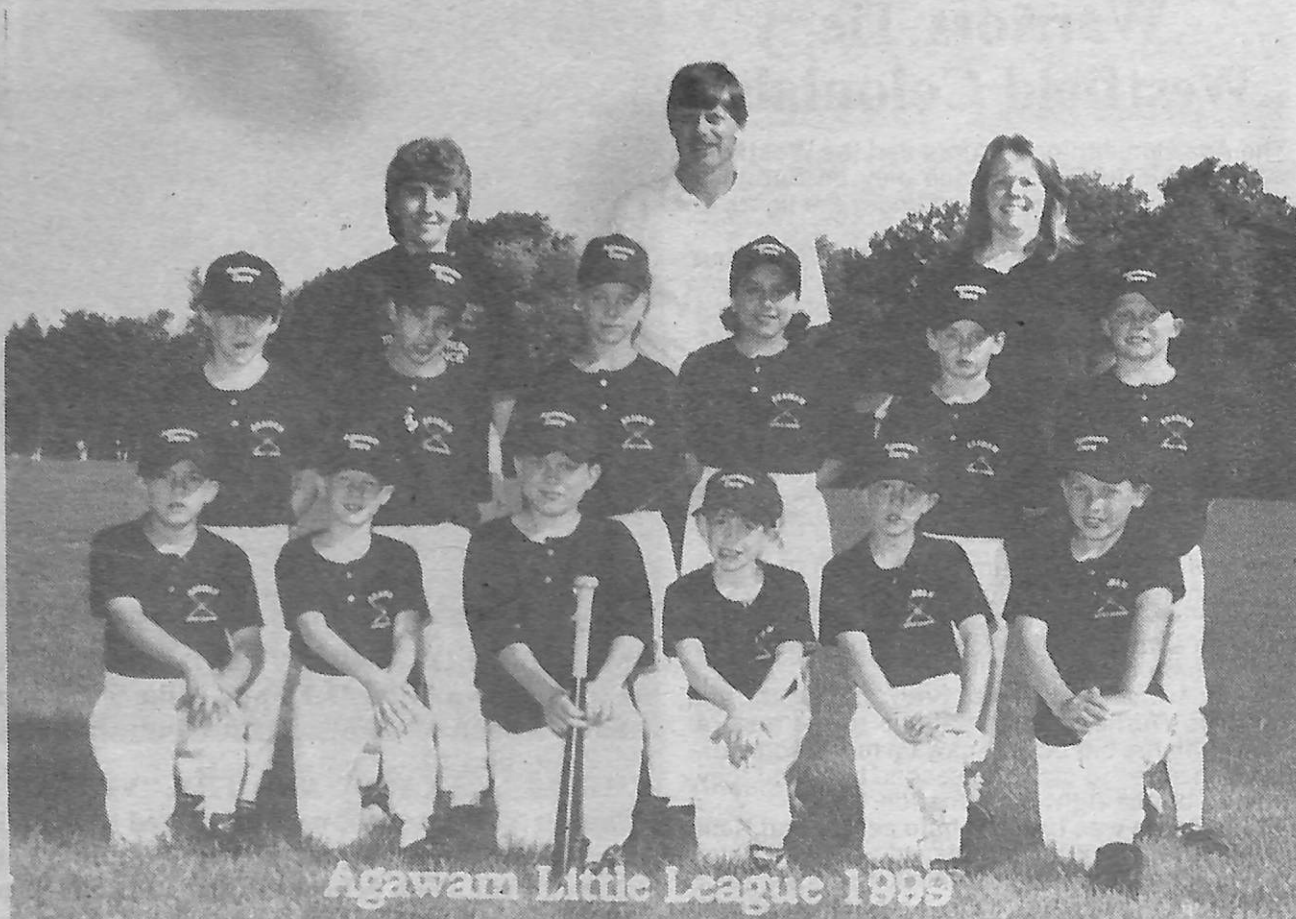
Orsatti is a varsity wrestler and posted a final win last season over New York's Military Academy at the New England Independent School Wrestling Association Tournament at Taft School in Watertown, CT.

As a lacrosse player during the 1999 season, Orsatti was second in scoring and led the team in assists.

Along with keeping up his studies, he also plays the saxophone in the Academy's Jazz Band.

Orsatti, a junior, is the son of James and Carol Orsatti of Agawam.

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Agawam Junior Warriors Tie Westfield Colonials

The Agawam Junior Warriors tied the Westfield Colonials, 8-8, in SAFL league play on Saturday evening. The game was played under the lights at Bullens Field in Westfield.

This was a game dominated by the defense and the outstanding special teams play of Agawam. The Agawam defense played an outstanding game; they made only one mistake, which led to a Westfield touchdown on the second play of the game, as Colonials' running back (number 30) R. Gosselin sprinted 50 yards for the touchdown.

Defensive Coach Tony Pezzementi made some adjustments and the rest of the first half stayed at midfield for much of the play. With less than a minute left in the first half, Westfield was forced to punt.

The Warrior special teams were up to the task, with Anthony Bailey, Joe McDyer, and Zack Bussiere all slicing through the Colonials to tackle the punter; it was Agawam's ball, but after one play time ran out.

Although the game was very physical, the undersized Warriors were again up to the task of playing with the big boys. Agawam made some offensive changes to start the second half, and they proved to be the right combination.

Adam Plante was brought in to center and Nick Roberts to left tackle; both played very well, thus allowing Line Coach Jim Yelinek to move Zack Bussiere to right guard, with Anthony Bailey at tackle (this is a tough twosome to stop).

The backfield, led by Joel Bailey, marched the Warriors down the field to the six-yard line behind the big right side of the line. On the next play, Joe McDyer crashed across the line for a Warrior score; the two-point conversion was good on a QB sneak by Joel Bailey.

Agawam had one last chance to score. With about one minute left in the game, the Warriors went to the air as they were on the Westfield 20-yard line. But three pass attempts to Joe Greaney and John Jordan fell incomplete, with excellent coverage by the Colonials.

The defense continued to play hard and to stop Westfield, with great play by Justin Stevens, Mark Jeserski, Jim Yelinek, Zack Bruneau, Dominic Moccia, Mike Theriault, Geoff Trexler, John Dominic, and just returning from injury to see his first action, Chris Scuderi.

According to the Warriors' coaching staff, this was the toughest game they have faced yet — to be on the road and to face an always-good Westfield program.

The Warriors close out their home schedule on Sunday, October 17th, with a home game against South Hadley. If you're looking for some excitement, come check us out. Game time at Phelps Field is 1:15 p.m.

Teaching Young Athletes A Thing Or Two...



THE "CHEETAHS" AND THE "VIPERS," the Agawam Soccer Association's U12 boys Pioneer Valley teams, were privileged to participate in a recent practice session with Agawam High School's varsity and JV soccer teams. The younger boys picked up quite a few tips, and many of the High School players showed a professional instinct as they led the drills. Coach Olson and Coach Rousseau set up a good program involving all the players and keeping things under control.



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Upland Game Opener Set For This Saturday, October 16th...

Area hunters will be taking to the fields and woods this Saturday for the opening of the Massachusetts upland game season. Pheasant have been stocked by the Division in open covers throughout Western Massachusetts. Wildlife management areas will host the largest group of hunters for the traditionally crowded opening day. Rabbit hunters, along with grouse and woodcock hunters, will make up the balance of the sportsmen enjoying this long-awaited event.

Safety is and should be the number one concern. We have had a very good record in this state regarding hunter safety. Let's keep it that way. Always keep the safety on until you are ready to squeeze the trigger. Unload the weapon before crossing streams or in any situation where falls could occur.

Coon hunters are having some good runs with the hounds this season. Several friends with hound packs are keeping busy with their nighttime pursuits. Old Blue has been getting a workout in the valley cornfields. The raccoon population is increasing, after being devastated by the rabies epidemic.

Over-population by raccoons gave the rabies outbreak a running start, and the population was thinned substantially. This does not mean that the epidemic is over. Caution is still very much called for when handling raccoons, either dead or alive.

Owners of hunting dogs should not let down their guard when it comes to rabies. Even the house dogs need to be vaccinated against this disease. Even if your pet never goes beyond the back yard, the danger of exposure to infected wildlife continues.

FALL FISHING REPORT FRESH WATER

Kurt over at Saunders Marina in Southwick tells of several fishermen doing quite well in the morning hours while trolling. The cooler water is giving anglers surface access to some of the recently stocked trout.

Connecticut River anglers are enjoying some good smallmouth action along the shorelines that have steep dropoffs close to rocky ledges. Crankbaits and jig and pig combos are doing well.

Five Mile Pond in Springfield is rumored to have given up a REALLY big bass, somewhere in the seven-plus category.

SALT WATER

The fall migration is underway! Communities from the North Shore to the Rhode Island beaches are reporting better action on larger fish.

Offshore, the tuna season is winding down and soon it will be back to winter cod trips for many of the party boats that stay and fish the winter season.



NICK POKORA (right) holds one of the trophies that he won during the 1999 golf season.

Nick Pokora Has An Outstanding Season "On The Links"

Local golfer Nick Pokora of Agawam has had an outstanding season. His accomplishments for the season consist of being the Agawam Junior Golf Club champion, 10-12 Division, capturing first place in the Ludlow Annual Junior Golf 10-12 Division Tournament, sponsored by Goldsmith Ins. Agency, and placing third in the Union News Tournament.

He also was one of the four members of the team scramble that recently won the Agawam Chamber of Commerce scramble.

Nick is a sixth grade student at Agawam Middle School. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Pokora of Agawam. Nick plays out of Agawam Municipal Golf Course and Longhi Par 3 Golf and Driving Range.

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Best local news...

Over Columbus Day Weekend...

Agawam Twisters Compete In Ludlow Soccer Tournament

The girls' Under-11 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League played a tournament in Ludlow over Columbus Day weekend.

On Saturday, the Twisters defeated Ludlow Electric by a score of 5-2. Stephanie Obue scored three goals for the Twisters, while Christina Bertrand and Cassie Ashwell each added a goal.

On Sunday, the Twisters battled Western United to a 4-4 tie, with Stephanie Obue again contributing three goals and Cassie Ashwell adding another. Later in the morning, the Twisters defeated the Holyoke YMCA by a score of 6-0.

Cassie Ashwell led all scorers with three goals and Stephanie Obue, Erin Theriault, and Christina Bertrand each scored for the Twisters.

The team's fine tournament play earned them a spot in the semifinals on Monday. Once again playing a tough Western United team, the Twisters' defense did a great job of holding them in check throughout the first half. Christina Bertrand's first-half goal provided the game's only score before Western United finally erupted for five goals in the second half to defeat the Twisters by a score of 5-2. A penalty kick by Christina Bertrand gave the Twisters their second goal.

Despite their loss in the semi-finals, the Twisters played well throughout the tournament, displaying the fine passing skills, defense, and teamwork they've been showing all season.

Thomas Dal Molin Golf Tournament On Sun., Oct. 17th

The Thomas Dal Molin Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 17th, at the Agawam Country Club. Start time is 9:30 a.m.

The cost is \$65 and includes golf, cart, lunch, and a dinner at Ferruccio's, Main Street, Agawam. The cost of the dinner without golf is \$25.

Anyone interested in golfing can call Kip at 786-9773 or Mary Lou at 786-1959.

The scholarship proceeds are awarded to four Agawam High School students who have participated in golf, boys' or girls' soccer, hockey, and field hockey.

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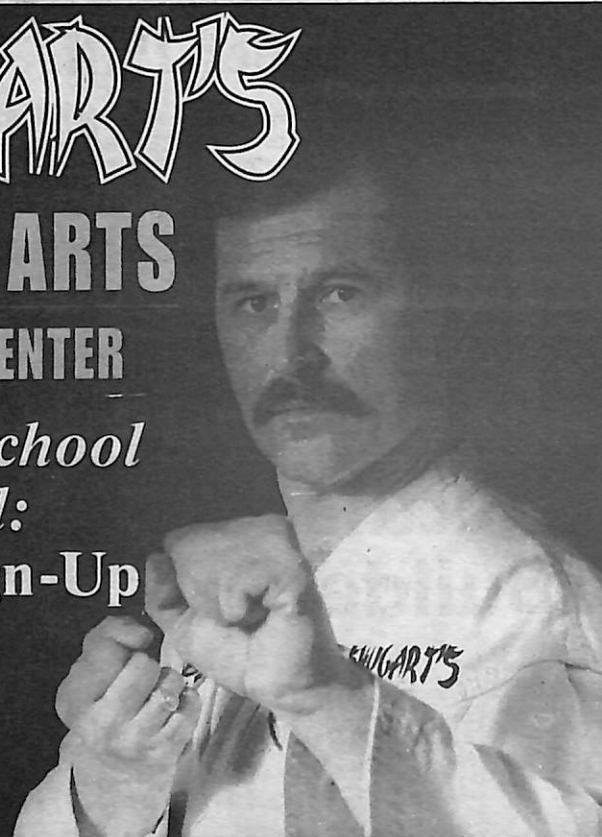
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Pee Wee Warriors (White Team) Raise Record To 4-0

On Saturday, October 9th, the Pee Wee Warriors (White Team) fought a gridiron battle to extend their winning streak to 4-0.

Once again, the Little Hogs were the key to the Warriors' success. Led by Capt. Hogs Nick Sleich and Patrick McKeever, they were able to spring James Mackin for a 40-yard run. This was followed by a nine-yard touchdown turned in by Rashad Wright. Outstanding blocking was turned in by Brendan McNeish, Frank Sacco, Scott Readon, Anthony Stork, Stephen Teixeira, Garrett Gabel, Scott Luginbuhl, and Philip Scoville. Without the outstanding team blocking, the Warriors would not have won.

The very strong play of the defensive squad was the key to the Warrior win. Backfield tackles were turned in by Tim Jendrysik (five-yard loss), Brendan McNeish (two-yard loss), Patrick McKeever and Mark Winegard (three-yard loss). The game-winning tackle was turned in by Anthony Stork for an eight-yard loss. In the last defensive series, the Warriors stopped Palmer from scoring. What started out as a first and goal on the two-yard line ended up with Agawam getting the ball back on its 18-yard line.

Other outstanding plays were turned in by Joe Pirro, Jonathon O'Brien, Michael Consedine, Mason McDonagh, and Nathan Fraga. The Warriors were given game-winning inspiration by the very talented Pee-Wee cheerleaders.

Pee Wee Warriors (Orange Squad) Defeat Westfield

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors (Orange Squad) improved their record to 4-0 by defeating Westfield by a score of 6-0.

The game was a defensive struggle. The Warrior defensive line played an outstanding game. Charles Barbaris (no. 71), defensive guard, Evan Spear (no. 64), defensive tackle, Frank Liberti (no. 66), defensive guard, Mark Hardy (no. 61), defensive tackle, played a stellar game.

The turning point in the game came when outside linebacker Jake Ferretti (no. 37) made a crushing hit on the Westfield running back, forcing a fumble and recovering it at the 50-yard line.

On offense, quarterback Niko Dmera (no. 2) ran a quarterback sneak, gaining 10 yards. Fullback Colin Hensel (no. 16) threw a strike to Blake Dutilly (no. 87) for a 25-yard gain.

The only score in the game came on a 15-yard run by fullback Colin Hensel on a sweep to the left side.

The cheerleaders did an outstanding job once again cheering the team on.

Soccer Association To Hold Annual Mtg. On October 25th

The Executive Committee of the Agawam Soccer Association has set Monday, October 25th, as the date of its Annual Meeting.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held at this time. All members of ASA are welcome to attend.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street.

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The "Final Ride" At Riverside Signals End Of An Era In Racing

Racing To Conclude Before Theme Park Expansion Begins

Beginning on Friday, October 15th, Budweiser and NAPA Echlin will present the "Final Ride" race weekend at Riverside Park Speedway, the last series of auto racing events to be held at the historic quarter-mile, oval facility. Sixteen divisions of race cars are scheduled to compete over three action-packed days, concluding with the last-ever Modified race on Sunday, October 17th.

"It's a weekend that will be filled with exciting racing with several different styles of cars," stated Director of Auto Racing David Deery. "At the same time, it's going to be very emotional for fans, competitors, and our staff. It's the end of an era in New England."

Following a last-chance open practice session for all divisions on Thursday evening, October 14th, the "Final Ride" will begin with qualifying and feature events for Legends, Dwarfs, Mini Stocks, Di-Hard Trucks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Figure 8's, and the Jimmy Fund Police Division on Friday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Grandstands will open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

SK Modifieds will headline the program on Saturday, October 16th, along with "Outlaw" Late Models, "Outlaw" Pro Stocks, Super Stocks, and Three-Quarter Midgets. The Senior Tour Auto Racers (STARS) will also run an exhibition event. Saturday's events will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the grandstands will be open at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, October 17th, Riverside Park Speedway welcomes fans and teams for one final day of racing beginning at 1:00 p.m. Divisions participating in the final day's events include Sportsman, Super Trucks, Pro Stocks, and NASCAR Modifieds.

The popular New England Antique Racers (NEAR) will join together with Riverside Park Speedway officials for what will be an emotional closing ceremony following the feature events.

Tickets and pit passes are available for each in-

dividual day, or three-day adult grandstand packages are available for \$40. Three-day pit admission will also be available, to crew members ages 16 years or older, for \$45.

In the event of inclement weather, the following weekend (October 22nd-24th) will serve as the make-up date for any events that are postponed.

Park officials confirmed in June that 1999 will be the final year of racing at Riverside. Plans are to redevelop the speedway area and incorporate it into the main theme park beginning in 2000.

Riverside Park is owned by Six Flags Theme Parks, part of Premier Parks Inc., the world's largest regional theme park company with a total of 33 parks in the United States, Latin America, and Europe.

For more information about the "Final Ride" race weekend, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com/events/thefinalride.htm on the world wide web.

EVENT SCHEDULE

October 15th: Budweiser & NAPA Echlin Present "The Final Ride," Day One. Pits open at 3:00 p.m.; grandstands open at 5:00 p.m. Divisions: Legends, Dwarfs, Mini Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Figure 8, Jimmy Fund Police Division.

October 16th: Budweiser & NAPA Echlin Present "The Final Ride," Day Two. Pits open at 8:00 a.m.; grandstands open at 10:00 a.m. Divisions: SK Modifieds, Outlaw Late Models, Outlaw Pro Stocks, Super Stocks, ATQMRA Midgets, Senior Tour Auto Racers (STARS).

October 17th: Budweiser & NAPA Echlin Present "The Final Ride," Day Three. Pits open at 8:00 a.m.; grandstands open at 10:00 a.m. Divisions: NASCAR Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, NEAR.

October 31st: Championship Awards Banquet. At Chez Josef in Agawam.

Basketball Coach's Clinic For Men & Women At AIC

The first annual 1999 AIC Basketball Coach's Clinic for men and women of all levels will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Butova Gymnasium.

This clinic will feature Coach Jim Calhoun of the 1999 National Champion UConn Huskies, AIC Men's Coach Art Luptowski, and AIC Women's Coach Pete Cinella.

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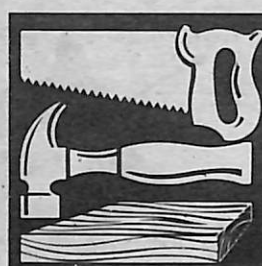
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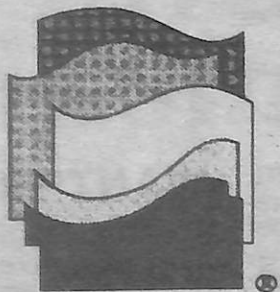
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